HE POLICEMAN'S LOT.

hy It Is Not Altogether a Happy One.

S JOYS AND TRIBULATIONS.

w Strong Men Rise From Humble Posts o Positions of Great Honor and Responsibility—Chicago's New Superintendent. he Prefect of the Paris Police.

hose who imagine that a policeman's life f a rosy hue from the rising of the sun he going down of the same are likely to greatly mistaken. Walking the streets o serious matter if followed for an hour two as an amusement, but when pracd steadily for 12 hours a day it becomes d work. The policeman's legs may give , his ample calves may tremble from r fatigue, but he may not sit down, or e does it is at the risk of missing some-

AT THE FRUIT STAND.

ng of importance on his beat. He is held sonally responsible for everything that s on in the district under his charge, and nything is wrong he must be prepared explain it. If a dozen "toughs" armed h clubs, brass knuckles, knives, razors, r mallets, revolvers and other means of ense and offense get into a general fight a low saloon he must be prepared to h in single handed, and at the risk of his attempt to quell the disturbance and est the brawlers.

or do his troubles end here. His place enerally regarded as so desirable that m two to a dozen men are all the time nestly engaged in the effort to get him out in order that they may have a nce to get in, and he must accordingly p on good terms with his superiors and h men of influence on his beat in order t he may not become unpopular and so marked for dismissal when the first comint is entered against him.

ut the policeman does not generally e his troubles much to heart. His open life tends to promote cheerfulness, and erfulness promotes digestion, Digesn in turn helps on his appetite, and the quency with which he satisfies his hun- at apple stands and free lunch counters and by gives him an amplitude of waist portioned to the length of time he has n on the force. Year by year he increases size of belt which incloses his manly m. Year by year the amount of mate- l which enters into the regulation uni- m is greater, and as he becomes more nfortable his views of life enlarge and becomes more charitable.

e regards with a more lenient eye the ers of the street boys, listens with philephic patience and without interference to quarrels of truck drivers and answers h equanimity the questions of bewilred old women who have lost their way d find it impossible to understand his diions. With increasing benevolence mes augmented popularity. He becomes avorite on his beat. If it lies in a resnce district, he knows all the young and d handsome cooks, and numerous are the licate little suppers of which he is the neficiary at their charitable hands. If a down town beat, he is welcome at the k door of any saloon, and a sandwich d glass of beer are always at his service. he most serious drawback to the policean's complete happiness is the fact that inconsiderable portion of the community gards him as a natural enemy. Among e dissolute and criminal classes this anonism is active and perpetual; among her people it is occasional, but not the s pronounced. He is to nine-tenths of e people the only embodiment of the law ey know anything about—even to the law iding the restraints of law are somenes irksome.

The policeman on the beat comes round omptly after the first snow falls in the rly winter and notifies the householder have it shoveled off the pavement. He mes at irregular but too frequent intersls to allude to the condition of the alley to mention a slop barrel in the back rd or to inquire if there are any vehicles dogs on the place on which taxes have t been paid.

MICHAEL BRENNAN.

His authority is respected in his presence d scouted when his back is turned. He scoffed at, made fun of, derided, wherer he goes. If he goes into a picture galry, he finds himself mocked on its walls. he goes to the circus, he beholds a counrfeit presentment of himself kicked all er the ring, to the immense diversion of e audience. He cannot put his head inde a theater without hearing a joke at s own expense. An ugly fellow comes on the stage, a supposed surgeon perrms an imaginary operation on his head d removes his brains. "What can a man without brains?" is asked, and in reponse some one runs to the wings, brings ck a police coat and hat, puts them on e brainless individual and behold him ted out as a policeman, while the boys the gallery scream and the men in the udience turn round to look at the policean standing up behind to see how he kes the joke.

Such jokes as these would embitter his fe, for he knows they represent a popular eling of dislike to him and his calling, did not also know perfectly well that half e laughers would themselves like to be policemen if they only had the influence ecessary to secure an appointment. So he oes not take anything much to heart, but oes on his way performing his multifarious ties as well as he can. And, after all, in pite of the tongue abuse and the jests at s expense he knows that beneath the surce there is a firmly grounded fear of his uthority not for his own sake, but because represents the majesty of organized soety. A crowd of friends may strive in vain to separate two drunken brawlers; a policeman appears and strife is at an end. Either might be far more than a match for him personally, but everybody understands that behind him stand the whole force, and the captains, and the chief, and the governor, and the militia, and, if necessary, the blue coated veteran of the regular army and the president of the United States.

While the life of a patrolman is tolerably monotonous, the nature of his duties frequently gives him opportunity for distinction and promotion. With his feet once firmly planted on the ladder of advancement, an able and ambitious policeman may climb to positions of great honor and responsibility and may even achieve national fame. In this connection the career of Thomas F. Byrnes, who started as a patrolman and is now superintendent of the New York police department, is suggestive. Byrnes has a worldwide reputation and is known as a detective of extraordinary skill and address. Inspector Williams is another New Yorker of national celebrity who rose from the humble position of patrolman.

Similar examples of the opportunities open to honest, energetic and ambitious policemen may be pointed out in nearly every large city. There, for instance, is Michael Brennan, who was recently made superintendent of the Chicago police force. He emigrated to Chicago from Ireland in 1862 and entered the police force as a patrolman in 1870. After two years on his beat he was made desk sergeant. Superintendent Washburne made him a lieutenant. Under Mayor Cregier he was made assistant superintendent and retained that position until Mayor Washburne was inaugurated, when he was honorably retired. Mayor Harrison recalled him to the force on succeeding to the mayor's chair and made him again assistant superintendent of police, and when Major R. W. McClaughry retired from the superintendency a few days ago Mr. Brennan was promoted to that important position.

It is rumored that Major McClaughry will soon accept the superintendency of the Michigan state reform school for boys at Pontiac. In retiring from office he said: "I am proud of the Chicago police force and proud to have been connected with it, for I consider it the peer of any police organization. Indeed I confidently assert that in view of the disadvantages under which it has to be maintained and conducted it is the best police force in the world. It is much superior to the New York police

LOUIS LEPINE, PREFECT OF PARIS POLICE.

force, for with 1,000 men less it covers a district of 186 square miles better than the New York police force does a district of 45 square miles. The Chicago force is in every line of police duty more capable and more effective than that of London. I was proud of the position of superintendent of such a body of men, but I could not longer hamper the mayor by retaining the office."

That the civil service idea also obtains in the police administration of foreign countries is shown by the recent promotion in Paris of M. Louis Lepine to the position of prefect of police. M. Lepine made his administrative debut in 1877 as subprefect at La Palisse, then he was at Montbrison, Langres and Fontainebleau, whence he was transferred to the Chateauroux as prefect of the department of L'Indre. He left that office to go to Paris as secretary general of the prefecture of police in 1885, which office he held until 1891. He was decorated with the military medal in 1871, after having served in the army during the Franco-Prussian war, and it was while he was prefect of the Loire that he had to superintend the trial and the execution of the famous Anarchist Ravachol. M. Lepine was prefect of Versailles when he was called to his new office as prefect of police of Paris.

Traveling in India.

A curious mode of conveyance in India is the thoppa, a long cane basket, with a seat in the middle, from which hangs a small board to support the feet. Over the head is a covered top of cane and cloth. As you sit in this basket a man carries you on his back, supporting some of the weight by a strap which attaches the back of the thoppa to his head. He always begins by informing you that you are much too heavy to be lifted by a single individual, except for double pay, but eventually picks you up and carries you as if you were a mere featherweight.

Going along backward, and knowing that should the man's headstrap break you will doubtless be precipitated down the cliff, are not pleasurable sensations, but one becomes exceedingly callous after a lengthy course of thoppa rides in the hills.

Sometimes the bearer remembers that it is a cold night, and his patron is going to a ball, to be there four or five hours while he is left outside in the cold. Having arrived at the conclusion that the cold will probably by that time be intense, he will begin the journey enveloped in all the coverings he can muster.

After he has gone some distance with the thoppa he becomes warm, and rapidly divests himself of his many wrappers, placing them on the top of the machine, where they flutter about, now and then hitting one playfully in the mouth or eye. Having made themselves as unpleasant as they possibly can, they end by falling off into the road.

The bearer perceives them, and immediately descends with you to his hands and knees, and grovels about until he recovers the fallen raiment. During this process your head assumes a downward tendency and your heels fly heavenward; should you move ever so slightly in any direction, you immediately find yourself sitting on the ground in an attitude less dignified than hasty.

Then you may rage at the native and abuse all his relations, according to custom, in his own language, and you will not impress him in the least; but use good, sound, fishwife English, and he will treat you as becomes a person worthy of respect. —"My Three Years in Manipur."

A House with Four Thousand Rooms.

The Vatican, the ancient palace of the popes of Rome, is the most magnificent building of the kind in the world. It stands on the right bank of the Tiber, on a hill called the Vaticanus, because the Latins formerly worshiped Vaticinium, an ancient oracular deity, at that place. Exactly when the building was commenced no one knows. Charlemagne is known to have inhabited it over a thousand years ago. The present extent of the building is enormous, the number of rooms, at the lowest computation, being 4,422. Its treasures of marble statues, ancient gems, paintings, books, manuscripts, etc., are to be compared only with those in the British museum. The length of the Statue museum alone is a fraction over a mile. Conservative writers say that the gold contained in the medals, vessels, chains and other objects preserved in the Vatican would make more gold coins than the whole of the present European circulation. —St. Louis Republic.

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At the recent World's Fair the examinations for the baking powder awards were made by the experts of the chemical division of the Agricultural Department at Washington. The official report of the tests of the baking powders which were made by this department for the specific purpose of ascertaining which was the best and which has been made public, shows the leavening strength of the Royal to be 160 cubic inches of carbonic gas per ounce of powder. Of the cream of tartar baking powders exhibited at the fair the next highest in strength thus tested contained but 133 cubic inches of leavening gas. The other powders gave an average of 111. The Royal, therefore, was found of 20 per cent greater leavening strength than its nearest competitor, and 44 per cent above the average of all the other tests. Its superiority in other respects, however, in the quality of the food it makes as to fineness, delicacy and wholesomeness, could not be measured by figures.

It is these high qualities, known and appreciated by the women of the country for so many years, that have caused the sales of the Royal Baking Powder, as shown by statistics, to exceed the sales of all other baking powders combined.

A Clever Dwarf.

A magnificent feast had been prepared at Burleigh in honor of the king and queen, and it was arranged that the little dwarf, Jeffrey, should step from a huge venison pastry into her majesty's service. This mode of appearance was not new even then. A pie with a dwarf inside was thought a "dainty dish to set before a king," and a gift of this kind was often a road to the sovereign's favor.

On the day of the dinner Jeffrey found himself imprisoned in a large dish, surrounded by a high wall of standing crust. Of course a way had been found to give him air, but he afterward said he felt buried alive. To add to his discomfort Buckingham slyly ordered the pie to be warmed, saying, "It were better eaten warm than cold."

Young Jeffrey remained quiet and said never a word as the dish was carried to the kitchen; but he was far from happy and thought of Nebuchadnezzar and the fiery furnace until he grew "warm with apprehension." The cook, however, understood the joke and the dwarf pie was placed in safety on the royal table. At last came the fateful time—the crowning moment of Jeffrey's life.

The pie was opened, the trumpet sounded and forth sprang the dwarf. He was clad in a full suit of armor and skipped about the table shaking his little sword at some of the guests; and, remembering the scorching the duke had threatened for him, he gave a vicious little tweak at his grace's noble nose. Buckingham drew back in time to save his handsome face and threatened to cudgel the young knave with a chicken bone; but the king laughed and said Buckingham was served quite right.

By this time Jeffrey was nearly deafened with applause and half drowned in the perfumes the ladies sprinkled upon him, so he hastened to end the scene by prostrating himself before the queen's plate and entreating to be taken into her service.—St. Nicholas.

What General Lane Did for Texas.

One episode in the career of the late General Walter P. Lane will forever endear his memory in the hearts of the Texas people. During the Mexican war, while he was major of Hayes' regiment of Texas Rangers, under General Wool, he was sent with a small body of men in the direction of San Luis Potosi to discover the movements of the Mexican army. There were two roads to San Luis Potosi, one by Matchuela, a large town, the other by the great hacienda of Salado, where the seventeen Texas war prisoners drew black beans in 1846 and were shot. The two roads were divided by a range of mountains. Lane took the left hand, and actually penetrated to and entered the city of Matchuela with its 20,000 people and a garrison of several hundred men. He ordered and obtained dinner at a meson, a sort of wagon yard inn, announced that a large American army was near and feasted his men to their full.

Then remounting he retired obliquely across the mountain to the other road and struck the hacienda of Salado. Seizing the alcalde he ordered the resurrection of the bones of the seventeen martyred Texans and demanded mules, sacks and everything necessary to bear them away. All were furnished and the remains of the dead duly placed in transit on mules. Lane bore the relics to General Taylor, who had them escorted to La Grange, on the Colorado, where they were interred with great solemnity in the presence of thousands. Thus to General Lane Texas is indebted for the possession of these mementos of a remarkable heroism.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Negro Partingtons.

Judge Dent of Newnan had some queer witnesses in his court on Wednesday. They were negroes, and while endeavoring to attain the sublime heights of stilted phraseology abused the "king's English" in a frightful manner.

"Why did you go there?" asked the judge.

"'Caze I wanted to perpetruate de whole fax ob de case," was the answer.

"Why did you do so?" another man was asked.

"I done hit fer de reason dat I wuz egotistical to know 'zactly how it wuz."

For two hours the courtroom was lurid with just such English, but the judge was helpless and had to take the answers to his questions as he could get them.—Atlanta Constitution.

How Are You as to Details?

"If I were hungry," said a philosopher, "and somebody should offer me food, I should not insist on a silver knife and fork to eat with. If I were cold and somebody should offer me a thick coat, I should not insist on having it of the color that pleased my fancy best. If I were poor and somebody should offer me a fortune, I should not insist on having it in bills of a certain denomination. In fact, I think that I am disposed not to be overparticular about details.—New York Sun.

An Unhappy Banker.

Thousands of his acquaintances envied Herr Somnerfield, the Berlin banker. Anything that money could procure he had, and the best of everthing was at his command. A Parisian tailor made his clothes, frequently visiting the Prussian capital to take his measure, with hundreds of cloth samples; his mutton came from Wales, and his beef from Scotland; he had two distinct kitchens in his residence, one controlled by a French cook, the other by an Englishman. In every respect his personal outlay was princely; yet he was an unhappy man, and he closed his career by suicide.—Yankee Blade.

The Value of Sight.

The value of the sight is never fully appreciated until it is lost or impaired. Few persons realize that the eye is an intricate piece of mechanism, with a vastly more complex and delicate adjustment than the costliest watch. Even in our public schools the children and youth are allowed to abuse it in a most perilous way, the teachers seeming to be perfectly ignorant of probable disastrous results.

Signs of Spring.

Sound of gusty driving rain
When we wake at midnight hour,
Ice tipp'd branches on the pane
Beating music to the shower.

Crows that caw from steaming woods,
Robins piping in the glades,
Buds that from their winter hoods
Peep and blush like pretty maids.

Grateful odors of damp earth,
Boist'rous glee of muddy rills,
Shouting, brawling in her mirth,
Down the bare flanks of the hills.

Here and there a crocus' head
Thrusting up to dare the cold,
While its sisters, warm in bed,
Stir their coverlids of mold.

Spring is coming; spring is near;
She is whispered in the air.
Soon the blithe nymph will be here,
Shaking blossoms from her hair.
—James Buckham in Harper's Bazar.

Signs of Spring in a City.

The present forward weather seems to be a great season for the small boy. He gets more solid enjoyment out of the warm days and the dry sidewalks than the street cleaning department of the board of public works. Every small boy who is anybody down on the heights has a pair of roller skates and a good strong pair of lungs. These boys play hockey on the asphalt pavement of that exclusive quarter, catch rides on the backs of grocery wagons and keep up a constant and eternal yelling. Why they yell does not appear. It is perhaps because a small boy cannot do much of anything without yelling. These boys go scurrying around corners on their skates in imminent danger of cracking their own skulls and to the great terror of passers by. They dodge under the heads of spirited coach horses and altogether make a fresh and healthy nuisance of themselves.

Those poorer boys who are not wealthy enough to afford each a pair of roller skates, split up a pair between two and go about pushing the wheeled foot in front of them, evidently having as much fun as the rest. The whipping top is also now much in vogue, and the tops and the rollers make life a burden to the nursemaids with their perambulators and babies and the policeman on the corner.—Brooklyn Eagle.

An American Absentee Landlord.

One of the principal arguments advanced in favor of deer forests is that those who are able to indulge in that luxury spend much money in the Highlands. But how if sportsmen insist on maintaining forest grounds and never visit them? Mr. Winans, whose sporting territory extends from the Beauly Firth to the Atlantic—from sea to sea, in fact—has not shot over the land once during the past four years, and as the deer have in consequence multiplied enormously, the crofters of the district have resolved to ask the millionaire to allow them a day's shooting.

The application is doubtless made more with the view of bringing the crofters' grievances before the public than anything else, for it is sure to be ignored. But the continued absence of Mr. Winans raises a wider and more important question: Can the setting aside of a great stretch of country as deer forests which are never shot over be justified on any ground whatever?

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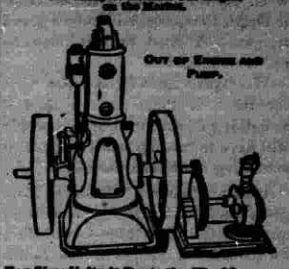

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