

ESTERHAZY OWES HIM \$10.

A Telegraph Operator in New Orleans Says French Officer "Did" Him.

"Count Esterhazy, who figured so prominently in the Dreyfus trial, has been in New Orleans several times," said a guest at the Grunewald Hotel.

"I myself saw him on one of his visits, and was present when he did some cabling to France, the cost of which, or rather a portion of the fee, he deliberately defrauded the operator out of. It happened thus:

"Esterhazy had come in town by one of the roads from the north and went to the Southern Pacific depot to board a train for the West. While waiting for his train he remembered that he had some cabling to do and walked over to the telegraph operator in the building and asked for a blank.

"The operator gave it to him, and the Frenchman wrote out quite a lengthy cabled telegram and addressed it to a private party in Paris. By this time there were only a few moments left for him to get aboard the train, and the operator had to hurry in looking up the rate. To arrive at the exact figures necessitated some little calculation, and the operator, to expedite matters for the noble count, told him the rate and asked him to make the calculation, too.

"This the Frenchman, who was evidently quick at figures, did, and had finished a moment before the operator called out his result, and asked if that was what he made it. Esterhazy looked straight at the operator a second, as though reading his very thoughts, and unhesitatingly replied: 'It is correct.'

"He paid the amount and hurried away. A few minutes later the operator discovered that he had been paid just \$10 less than the correct amount; he made an error in his calculations, and the count had taken advantage of his error to save the money. The young man immediately wired ahead of the train asking the conductor to see Esterhazy, explain the calculation, and request the \$10. The conductor complied, but when he had explained to the noble traveler, the latter only shrugged his shoulders and replied that it was no concern of his. And the operator made good the shortage from his own salary. It was as clear a case of steal as I ever heard of."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

How the Walls Ran Down. The Irishman who went up in the hotel lift without knowing what it was did not recover easily from the surprise. He relates the story in this way.

"I went to the hotel, and, says I, 'Is Mither Smith in?' "Yes," says the man with the sojer rap. "Will yez step in?" "So I steps into the closet, and all of a sudden he pulls the rope, and—it's the truth I'm telling yez—the walls of the building begun running down to the cellar.

"Och, murther!" says I, 'what'll become of Bridget and the children which was left below there?' "Says the sojer-cap man, 'Be aisy, sorr; they'll be all right when yez comes down.'

"Come down, is it?" says I. "And it's no closet at all, but a haythinish balloon that yez got me in!" "And wid that the walls stood stock still, and he opened the door, and there I was wid the roof just over my head! And, begorra, that's what saved me from goin' up to the hevins intirely!"—Irish Independent.

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FROM PULPIT TO GALLOWES.

Career of a Texas Preacher Ended in a Hangman's Noose.

The way of the transgressor, no matter what his condition in life, is hard. This thought is brought forcibly to mind by the recent execution of Rev. George E. Morrison, at Vernon, Texas, for the murder of his wife in 1897. He administered poison to her, in order to get rid of her and marry another woman. Morrison met his death resignedly, but declared that he was innocent, circumstances over which he had no control placing him where he was. He had a large following of friends who made strenuous efforts to have the Governor commute the sentence to imprisonment for life, but without success.

Morrison was married to his wife, who was Minnie Brady, at Hanford, Texas, in 1881. She sang in the church choir. Later they moved to Pan Handle City. In 1897 he went to Topeka, Kan., to attend a Sunday school convention. Here he met Miss Anna Whittlesey, whom he knew at school. She had fallen heir to \$100,000, and he fell deeply in love with her. He told her that his wife had been dead eleven years, that he had retired from preaching and owned a ranch near Higgins, Texas. He made her an offer of marriage and she agreed to become his wife. He returned to Texas and kept up a correspondence with Miss Whittlesey. To get his wife out of the way was the next question. He made up his mind to murder her. This was in October, 1897. He went to a druggist to obtain some strychnine, which he said, was to poison some "varmlints" that were killing his chickens.

The crime was committed on a Sunday night. Before the deed he preached a particularly effective sermon, speaking in a pathetic manner of the sad parting with loved ones at death. Then he went home and gave his wife an apple in which he had put some of the strychnine. She died the same night with her arms about her husband's neck. She never knew of his treachery. He still continued the correspondence with Miss Whittlesey and the day after his wife's burial he sent a letter in which he expressed his love in the most lavish terms. He went to Topeka a few days later and obtained a promise from Miss Whittlesey that she would become his bride. On his return he was arrested, suspicious circumstances coming to light concerning his wife's death, but was soon released. He fled, but three months later was rearrested in San Francisco and taken back to Texas, where the full extent of his villainy became known. At the trial Miss Whittlesey was the principal prosecuting witness and her testimony sent him to the gallows.

Approaching End of the Old Shop Immortalized by Dickens. Peggotty's house, the home of "Little Emily" and of Peggotty herself and of Ham Peggotty, is to be taken away from its old moorings in Yarmouth. It has been sold by auction for \$400 (about \$2,300), and will be removed from the surroundings in which Dickens first saw it, and in which it has remained for many a year since. The home of the Peggottys is one of the principal scenes in "David Copperfield." It was there and on the seashore near it that "Davy" spent the happiest days of his childhood, and there he played at child love with little Emily. Thither came the incomparable Steerforth and thence he fled with Emily, and not far away he lay "with his head upon his arm" (as David had often seen him lie at school), but this time on his sand and cold dead. No scene in Dickens is more associated with tender feeling than the old inverted boat, the prototype of which is now to be dissociated from its original site. The old time-retained hulk will be torn down to make room for trade. The moss-grown timbers, every one of which is linked in the minds and hearts of book lovers with some episode of the great novelist's masterpiece, will be torn apart and burned up, except such pieces as will be carried away by relic hunters, and a warehouse or something of the sort will take the place of the quaint old structure which gave background for a picture which for its intense humanity, its power to move, its contrast of the most selfish of vices and the most generous of virtues, has few equals to be found anywhere in English literature.

Twin Chickens. Twenty-five dollars for a pair of spring chickens is a liberal price, yet a Massachusetts farmer rejected it. His pair of chickens, he thinks, are quite unique, for they are twins, five weeks old, and it is said that two chickens born from a single egg have never before been proved to live beyond eight days. The buff brahma hen laid rather a large egg, but no one thought much about it until one morning the farmer saw two bills instead of one trying to break out of the shell. He quickly removed the egg to the kitchen, extracted the twin chicks, wrapped them in cotton batting, and placed them in the oven. For three weeks the chickens were kept indoors on a diet of malted milk and brandy dropped down their throats with a medicine dropper. The twins are now hale and hearty, and run about the yard as vigorously as any of their comrades. One peculiarity, however, distinguishes them from their mates. They are exclusive little aristocrats, and neither of them will associate with any other chicken except his twin. It is very bad taste to tell any one that you always defend him.

Home of the South Sea Bubble. South Sea House, London, the home of the South Sea bubble, which convulsed England in the early part of the eighteenth century, is soon to be torn down to make way for new warehouses. For a century after 1720, when the bubble burst, the building stood practically untenanted; but of late years it has been the headquarters of prosperous traders.

Bicycle Musical Boxes. Music boxes for bicycles are now manufactured by a firm in Hamburg. The round, box-shaped apparatus, which is said to give the sound of a better-class accordion, is attached in front to the lower part of the handle bar and connected with the front wheel in such a manner that the revolution of this wheel causes the music to play. Occasionally a man casts a crumb upon the waters, and receives a bakery in return.

FIFTY MILLIONS OF GERMANS.

Last Census of the Empire Places the Population at That Figure.

The results of the professional and social census of the German empire taken in 1895 have just been published by the government. The book is one of the most important statistical works that have been brought out by any government. A similar, but less complete, census was taken in Germany in 1882, and most other governments have at various times, either in conjunction with the ordinary census or separately, made some effort to inquire into the classification of the population by its occupation and social status. But no other country has entered on an investigation of this kind with anything even approximating the thoroughness and method that characterized the German statistical office, both in the drawing up of the census and in its subsequent elaboration for statistical purposes. To give only an instance, the census officials had the strictest instructions not to take the word of a householder as to the occupation and earnings of the members of his household, but to make a personal inquiry of every single member, even including small children. The whole enormous work of collecting this census was done at a cost of not more than \$180,000.

According to this census, the total population of Germany on June 14, 1895, amounted to 51,770,234, of whom 25,409,161 were males and 26,361,123 were females. The similar census taken in 1882 gave a total of 45,222,113, of whom 22,150,749 were males and 23,071,364 females. The population had thus increased by 14.48 per cent in the thirteen years—an increase which, it is interesting to note, was larger in the case of the males, who increased at the rate of 14.71 per cent, as against an increase of only 14.26 per cent in the case of the females. The decrease of German emigration since the growth of modern German prosperity may possibly have had something to do with this fact. How rapid the increase of the German population is may be gathered from the fact that the ordinary quinquennial census, taken in December, 1895, gave a population of 52,279,901, or an increase of 5,057,688 souls in six months. The increase between 1882 and 1895 was greater in the towns and districts already peopled; thus, for example in the government district of Berlin it was 39.64 per cent; in Dusseldorf, 32.97; Dresden, 29.13; Leipzig, 29.98, etc. The town population of Germany in 1895 amounted to 49.83 per cent of the total population, as against 41.8 per cent in 1882. It had increased by 36.47 per cent over the town population of 1882, whereas the country population had decreased by 1.31 per cent. The population of towns with over 100,000 inhabitants increased in the same period by 111.29 per cent and amounted to 7,090,530 persons.—London Times.

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To prevent a spoon from dropping down into a jar when the contents get low a New York man has patented a wire device, which supports the spoon on the edge of the jar, being formed of a piece of wire bent into a clip to grip the spoon, with a hook at the rear to engage the jar.

Genius in Massachusetts has patented a single-rail system of railway, which has a car slotted through the middle nearly to the top, with wheels in the upper surface to the slot to rest on the rail, the passenger compartments being separated from each other and reached by individual doors.

Leaks in fire hose can be repaired, or a new section of hose inserted without the engine being shut down, by use of a cut-off key which has a flat base, supporting a vertical arm, in the top of which is inserted a cranked bolt, fitted with a shoe to cut off the water when the bolt is screwed down.

For holding large pieces of meat on a block for cutting, a western man has designed a gripping device, which has a rod of heavy spring steel secured to the side of the block, the upper end being coiled into a spring and bent at right angles to carry a fork and press it down toward the block.

Some information is furnished by a well known scientist in regard to the ages of trees. He assigns to the pine tree 500 to 700 years as a maximum, 425 years to the silver fir, and 170 to the ash.

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