

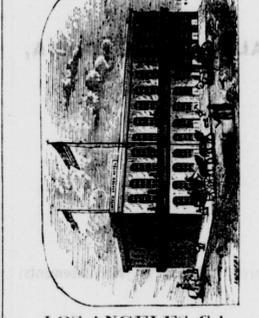
The Treatment of Criminals at Newgate Prison.

An American lady who has been shown through one of the shows of London—Newgate—the other day, expressed herself rather forcibly to the warden concerning several features of the prison which hardly appeared to her to be human. She was grieved to see the elaborate and new machinery for holding the prisoners tight while being flogged with the cat, stocks for holding their feet, and similar arrangements for the body and hands. The lady asked where the thumb-screw was. The warden innocently replied that they hadn't any. However, he must afterwards have pondered more profoundly over the sarcasm of the lady, for more recently another American lady, upon giving expression of a similar feeling about the resuscitated stocks, was told by the warden that they had managed to get along there without flogging for many years until some Americans came over and began to torture the citizens, and this was found to be the only way of dealing with them. The lady replied that it must have been because the English came over there and took their business, since American prisons were full of Englishmen. "However," she added, "we don't torture them."

On coming to the small alley in which executed criminals are buried, this lady—who is a good Quaker—shuddered at that, and the warden said: "You will notice here that ours is a great improvement over the American plan. In America they give the bodies of executed criminals to their friends, who, as likely as not, make a hero of him, and bury him with pomp. But these scoundrels dread being buried away in this alley almost as much as they dread the gallows. This is a chief part of their punishment."

The lady having suggested that execution was quite enough, the warden replied: "Not a bit of it. It was showing our place the other day to a remarkably intelligent American, who admired our arrangements exceedingly, only he thought we were too lenient. The gentleman said that the great mistake in America was leniency. 'Would you believe it?' said he, 'we caught a rascal in America the other day, whom we ought to immediately have burned, and we only hung him. But we are coming to our senses, and are now making arrangements to burn certain men for whom the gallows is too good.' 'Will these be good enough to tell me the name of the American gentleman who made that remark to thee?' said the Quakeress. "Ah, yes," said the warden reflectively, "let me see—it was a Mr. Mark Twain.—[Correspondence of the Cincinnati.]"

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