

Daily Eagle

IN THE VALLEY.

Above the grain the air is bright and clear; I see the crest of Mount Diablo rise...

"HIS LITTLE GAL."

"Well, sir, seeing as you mention it, I don't mind if I do try or drop 'er summat 'o' it's very comforting to the innards, partickler of a cold night."

"This was in answer to my proposal to old Jim Benton, stage doorknocker of Astley's Royal Amphitheatre, London."

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her eyes and said, 'Is that you, daddy? I believe I ain't hurt. I don't feel nothin'.' 'The madame, as I spoke of, sent her own kerredge fur a doctor, and when he came he looked so grave I knowed it was somethin' bad. So I up and asked him to tell me the truth. And he did in the feelingest way he could. My little gal had broken her back, and if she lived would be a cripple. I thought as how I couldn't bear it at first; she had been so 'andsome and spry, with such a pretty figure. And to get with a broken arm and a few bruises. I never see er after so cut up as he wuz about Mamie. He sot there on that cheer and cried like a baby, and when my little gal put out her arms to him one day and sez, 'Dan, don't you want to take me to see the circus?'—I think it wuz her way of showin' him she didn't blame him—he made a pretense of going arter some candy fust; but it wuz to 'ide his feelings, sir. I think as how he spent mo'n half his salary er buyin' toys and things for my little gal. And there was the madame, too, er fetchin' all sorts of nice things to eat and er ter talkin' to Mamie by the hour. Mamie used to like to play with madame's ring and eich. She wuz main fond of jewelry, wuz my little gal. And between the madame and Dan there wasn't much in that line she didn't have, even to a watch. I got 'em all stowed away in a box, except her ring she give to Dan. He wears it on his watch chain now."

"Well, sir, arter a long while Mamie was habble to git round on crutches, but she was still pale and weakly like. The madame, when she wuz here, took her out almost every day er ridin' away into the country, er tryin' to put a bit o' color into her cheeks, but it never stayed there long. She used ter lay on that 'ere old sofa there and hold wuz I called her 'mamie' room. She had the boys used to drop in and chat with her, and the wimmin folk, too, fur that matter. Everybody loved little Mamie."

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FLEECED IN PARIS.

SOME OF THE TRICKS FRENCHMEN PLAY ON VISITORS.

Americans Most Mercilessly Swindled. What it Costs to Eat at a First Class Paris Restaurant—Tricks of Guides and Waiters—The Charges.

"Making a precarious living by taking in each other's washing." This was one of Greenville Murray's jokes, which he applied to any village or town, the inhabitants of which had not any visible means of subsistence. Something of the same kind of sentiment was echoed in a remark made by an American on the boulevard here a day or two ago. "Everybody in Paris seems to live by making a commission out of somebody else."

The fact is that Americans who come to Paris and don't know the ropes do get most mercilessly swindled. Fully 50 per cent. of the large sums spent by Americans in this city being no return in value of any sort or kind. Many leave Paris indignantly and vow never to set foot in it again. Like the gentleman quoted, they set Paris down as a "regular fraud."

Much good money is wasted on guides and couriers. The regulation fee for the services of these is \$2 a day and a meal. Very few, however, content themselves with such a salary. It is to the extras that they look for their profits. It is very usual at meal times for the courier to take his client to an expensive restaurant. His client can't speak French, wants to sample French cookery and bids his guide order. The guide orders everything that he likes and what is most expensive as he, so much the worse for him. When the bill has been handed, the guide orders a document and will call in the evening to get 20 per cent. commission.

The American I have referred to had in this way been taken to all the best restaurants in Paris and had spent on himself and his guide what would suffice to keep a French peasant and his family for a year. At one house, which is noted for its good cookery and the moderateness of its prices, he had paid \$107 for a breakfast which he would have been able to eat elsewhere for \$20 on a dinner which he valued at twenty-five cents.

Much annoyance would also be saved to visitors who dine at the restaurants if they would avoid the tricks of the Parisian bill of fare. The amount of the bill depends on the appearance of the customer, or otherwise of the customer. The very celebrated houses should be strictly avoided by the American visitor, unless he is accompanied by a Frenchman, who is invariably in charge for good money. It should be noted that the only money current in France besides French coins are those of Italy, Greece, Switzerland and Belgium. Russian and Austrian gold is also currency. Romanians, Spanish and Serbian American coins should invariably be refused. They can be disposed of at a loss of 20 per cent. The coins of the late Papal states can be passed at nominal value, but should be avoided, if possible.

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THE SUPERIOR SEX. WOMAN'S EXPECTATION OF LIFE GREATER THAN THAT OF MEN. Interesting Report from a Recognized Authority—A Formidable Array of Figures—Why Women Are Longer Lived Than Men—The Future.

Professor Stanford E. Chaffin, M. D., dean of the medical faculty of Tulane university, a recognized authority in matters of sanitary hygiene and hygiene, has recently published an interesting report on the life and death rates of New Orleans as compared with those of other cities. Attention here is directed to some deductions which the professor derives from his statistics, and if we may trust in this case to the somewhat questionable statement that "figures never lie," we are brought face to face with some remarkable and strikingly suggestive facts.

LETHE. The Chicago school census returns give that city a population of 822,651. Let's a water spirit in her ear. Even as Odine of the Lorelei, We float in a dim river, you and I, Seem but faintly sun or moon or star, And we shall never pierce the windward bar.

Strange Things Brought Up. Some strange things were brought up from the earth while drilling wells near Albany, Ga. White pine logs were brought up from a depth of 700 feet. Mr. Merritt, at a depth of twenty-seven feet, dug through a mass of seven feet of petrified bones. They were thigh bones, ribs, finger bones, teeth, and with these remains of some forgotten race, immense bones of animals now extinct.

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