

HERMANN THE MAGICIAN.

His Tricks Among the Hucksters of St. Louis.

Hermann looks a good deal like an idealized and humanized Satan. He is of the darkest dark brunette, with blazing dark eyes and the blackest of black hair on his face and head. He dresses in black, the only white showing in his costume being his collar. At the market he was at once recognized by the gamins who came trooping after him, and when he stopped at a vegetable dealer's stall the crowd formed a ring on the outside. "How do you sell these soup bunches?" said he, picking up a measure full of herbs. "Two cents a piece," replied the ample matron behind the layout. "That's cheap," said Hermann, "very cheap," and then suddenly looking into the heart of one of the bunches he pulled out a pithoric wad of \$20 bills. The woman made a grab for the money, but as suddenly as it appeared it vanished, and she looked from the bunch to the magician to the punch in a puzzled way. "Go way with your foolishness," she said at last, and declined to be further interested. A couple of stalls below there was a great selection of eggs. These at once caught Hermann's eye. "Are those eggs fresh?" he inquired of the damsel in charge. "Yes, sir." He picked up one and, rattled it beside the woman's ear. She started back at the peculiar metallic sound, whereupon he smiled accusingly at her, broke the egg, and took out two \$5 gold pieces laying in the yolk. She started and he got \$10 more out of another egg. After collecting about thirty in this way she suddenly declined to have any more eggs broken. As she spoke, a blue tongue of flame sprang out of a score of eggs on the tray, and the whole party stared in affright. The flame died away and the woman turned on Hermann with almost a curse: "You are a sorcerer!" By this time a great throng of people had gathered around, and each new feat of the master was honored by a round of applause. A stall or two lower down Hermann saw a cabbage and inquired of the man if it was not imprudent to leave his valuables exposed that way. The man lowered at him and said he was not there for joking. "What do you want for the cabbage?" inquired the maestro. "Five cents." The money was passed and the cabbage became the property of the magician. Taking and cutting it open, and before the astonished gaze of the multitude, there lay a perfect nest of treasures. Hermann deliberately began to fill his pockets, first with a wad of bills, a hundred dollar one on the outside, then a gold watch and chain, next two or three diamond rings, and finally a heaping handful of \$20 gold pieces and last a United States bond for \$1,000. Powers of description fail to paint the changes which passed over the huckster's face as this find was being appraised and pouched by the magician. Doubt, fear, avarice and despair fitted one after another over his countenance. And at last, when the cabbage was evidently empty he flung himself on the bench behind the stall and refused to be comforted. "That's a pretty good trade," said Hermann, and the boys cheered him to the echo.

A few paces further on was a game-dealer's stand, and here the miracle of the day was performed. Picking up a rabbit that was lying without a head on the pavement, Hermann inquired of the man how long it had been dead. "Only a day or two." "Smell it," said Hermann. The reporter sniffed at it, and it certainly was gamy. "Don't you know how to freshen up animals?" said Hermann to the man. He took the rabbit, doubled it up and down, and laid it down on the pavement with a head on it, and evidently alive. The dead rabbit at once leaped in among the boys, who chased it and finally brought it back in sore need of the magician's good offices again. Then handing a dove from the cote over the stand, deliberately wrung its neck, pulled off its head, and threw it to the owner, and before he had time to examine it returned him his pigeon none the worse for wear. By this time the crowd was so large that locomotion was impossible, and with a quizzical glance at his admirers; Hermann hurriedly boarded a car and disappeared toward the south.

Training Vicious Horses.

A new and very simply method of training vicious horses were exhibited in West Philadelphia recently, and the manner in which some of the wildest horses were subdued the Philadelphia Record calls astonishing. The first trial was that of a kicking or "bucking" mare which her owner said had allowed no rider on her back for a period of at least five years. She became tamed in about as many minutes, and allowed her self to be ridden about without any sign of her former wildness. The means by which this result was accomplished was by a piece of light rope which was passed

around the front of the jaw of the mare just above her upper teeth, crossed in her mouth, thence secured back of her neck. It was claimed that no horse will kick or jump when thus secured, and that a horse after receiving the treatment a few times, will abandon his vicious ways forever. A very simple method was also shown by which a kicking horse could be shod. It consisted in connecting the animal's head and tail by means of a rope fastened to the tail and then to the bit, and then drawn tightly enough to incline the animal's head to one side. That, it is claimed, makes it absolutely impossible for the horse to kick on one side of the rope. At the same exhibiting a horse, which for many years had to be bound on the ground to be shod, suffered the blacksmith to operate on him without attempting to kick, while secured in the manner described.

Odd Paragraphs.

The oddest paragraphs are born of the queerest utterances at times. Here are two cases in point—first, that of a traveler, who, in speaking to an emigrant whom he found to have made his home in a Western wild, said consolingly: "This isn't a bad country—all it lacks is water and good society"—when quick came the poor emigrant's reply, with some bitter truth and point. "Yes, that's all hell lacks." And the other instance is related by Dr. Goodsell. He congratulates an elderly christian man, a resident of New Haven, that his race was almost over and his battle nearly fought. "Yes, Doctor," was the sick man's reply, "I suppose that is so. I am glad, yes, I think I am glad, in the prospect of heaven; but still, doctor, I shall miss New Haven privileges."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Cetywayo is residing as a free man at his former place of detention, near Cape Town, pending his return to Zululand.

Suicide is said to be increasing in Prussia, the figures having risen from 13 per 100,000 population in 1869 to 18 in 1880.

The following sign is on a photograph gallery at Santa Cruz, Cal.: "And God said let there be light and there was light. We will use that light to your advantage."

It is estimated that this year's output of the Wood River and Sawtooth mines in Idaho will be about \$3,000,000, or double the yield of the entire Territory three years ago.

The State of Pueblo, Mexico, has enacted that all persons engaged in the cultivation of cotton shall be exempt from the payment of taxes or personal contributions for ten years.

Horseshoes made of three thicknesses of green rawhide compressed in a steel mould are used to some extent in England. They weigh about a quarter as much as an iron shoe, and are said to wear longer.

Nine girls of Wheeling took some pictures of actresses in stage costumes to a photographer, and posed as nearly as possible in the same attitudes and raiment. The portraits somehow got into circulation in society, and the earnest efforts of the girl's parents have failed to gather the cards in for destruction.

It is a curious coincidence that at Dronfield, England, Petty Sessions lately, Mr. and Mrs. Caudle's domestic differences brought them before the magistrate. Caudle complained that she was always nagging him, kept him foodless, and had even attacked him with a knife. She went to prison for a month, doubtless to meditate on certain lectures of the future.

In 1876 Mr. Gladstone visited the Dowager Marchioness of Waterford, and felled a tree. As a momento, he promised to send Lady Waterford's forester an axe. Six years passed without the axe, and the forester had forgotten all about it. The other day, however, he was cheered by the receipt of a fine axe and a kindly letter from the Premier asking his acceptance of the gift.

Woman's rights are obtaining recognition in Norway. The Parliament has just passed a law, which the King has signed, giving women the privilege of attending the universities and applying for degrees in all the arts and sciences; but the right to hold office in the service of the State and of participating in the competitive examinations for such positions is not yet accorded to them.

Popular belief in the wisdom of vaccination has received a severe blow in a part of Germany, where a large number of children, both those vaccinated for the first time and others revaccinated after an interval of twelve years, have fallen dangerously ill, the flesh about the punctured part decaying and sloughing off, and the bodies being covered with sores and boils. It is thought unlikely that a single one of the effected children will recover. Impure virus appears to have been the cause of this unfortunate result.

One of the most enormous ropes in size and length ever produced in England is that recently manufactured for service in New Zealand, where it is to be employed in hauling up ships when they run aground on the mud bottom there, which is occasionally the case. The rope in question is a twenty-one inch white manilla hawser, 120 fathoms long, and composed of nine strands. Another rope, intended for the same purpose, is a fifteen inch hawser of the same material and length, and composed of nine strands with 164 yards to the strand. As is well known, twelve inch ropes are the largest size ordinarily made.

Money was urgently needed by a church at Blandford, Mass., and a committee, with the pastor at his head, devised a novel scheme. A challenge was sent to a number of young men at Westfield to come out and hunt squirrels all day, and at night eat a supper in the church, the party which had killed the most squirrels to pay \$1 each for all the meals served. To the surprise of the church members who joined in the hunt the marksman from Westfield beat them; but the Springfield Republican is authority for the charge that, when it came to a count, a number of squirrels that had been shot several days before were fraudulently introduced, so that the church came out financially victors.

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