

CITY WAIFS.

Taking Care of Lost Children in the Metropolis.

Parents Seeking their Little Ones at Police Headquarters.

A great policeman, big enough and strong enough to have felled a horse with a single blow, carrying in his arms a little golden haired girl, upon whose sleeping face the tears had washed clean places in the dust and grime, walked briskly toward Police Headquarters in New York city.

Bluff Sergeant Kelleher was on duty, and when he saw the little bundle of humanity brought in, he sat down at his desk and began to turn, in a businesslike way, the leaves of an enormous book which lay in front of him.

The same scenes are enacted every night, and each day sees the pages of the big book which Sergeant Kelleher keeps fill up one by one with the brief stories and records of lost children.

Every night in the year fathers and mothers visit Police Headquarters and ask for the children who have been lost during the day.

A woman comes running down the street. She is one of the East side poor. A shawl answers the purpose of cloak and hat.

"Where is the headquarters?" "Down where you see the green light," is always the answer and she is off again.

"What's the matter?" he growls. "Have ye found me baby?" and the toil worn hands clutch nervously at the frayed edges of the old red shawl.

"Boy or girl?" "A little girl with light hair." "Go upstairs and look—top floor." The stairs are steep and tiresome to climb, but mothers on such errands don't tire easily, and up she goes.

"Go in there and give your name," and he points to Sergeant Kelleher, and chirrups at the baby.

The sergeant takes the woman's name and address, and, hugging the lost one lightly, the woman passes out into the street.

Stowaways.

The ship was hardly well out on the ocean when two stowaways made their appearance, and later in the day five more. The next morning six more came up, and during the two following days they kept coming up in twos and threes until they numbered 25 all told.

vessel came alongside, to arrest them men. The police were in readiness on the wharf, but the steamer stranded in midstream, and lighters had to be sent off to relieve her of part of the cargo.

Chinamen as Smokers.

The Chinese smoke early and often, and it is as good as a play to watch one of the nobles of China using tobacco. He prefers the water-pipe, and he has a servant who puts the pipe-stem in his mouth, and waits till he has taken half a dozen whiffs before he carries it away again.

The Chinese do not use cigars nor chew. They have a tobacco much like the American pigtail twist, which they cut up for smoking, and they are largely addicted to snuff.

A Famous Wooden Leg.

A celebrated wooden leg has been discovered in an old Vincennes shop, which was once a smithy. There is abundant evidence to prove that the relic in question is the shank limb which replaced the leg which General Dauterive lost in the big wars of the First Napoleon.

The East Indies.

The name East Indies is now generally disused; it was formerly applied vaguely to that part of Southern Asia lying east of the river Indus and to the islands adjacent.

Modern Improvements.

Real Estate Agent (out West)—"This is the house I told you about." Eastern Man (anxious to grow up with the country)—"Rather a pretty place! Contains all the modern improvements, does it?"

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

That a seakins sacque does not always keep the heart warm.

Hospitality sometimes degenerates into profuseness and ends in madness and folly.

It is better to sacrifice one's love of sarcasm than indulge it at the expense of a friend.

That "doing as well as you know how" is all right if you always know how to do well.

We should do by time as we do by a torrent, make use of it while we may have it, for it will not last always.

The surest way of governing both in a private family and a kingdom, is for a husband and a prince sometimes to drop their prerogative.

There are certain garbs and modes of speaking which vary with the times; the fashion of our clothes being not more subject to alterations than that of our speech.

Some people will say things about other people without thinking that other people can say things about some people as big as beams compared with notes.

Throw physic to the dogs, if the physic is liable to prove fatal. There is too much physic in the world and too many dogs. Let one evil destroy the other.

If courting be a fraud, in which each deceives the other, and the parents and friends deceive both, you must not make faces and growl at "marriage being a failure."

The main principles of reason are in themselves apparent. For to make nothing evident of itself unto man's understanding were to take away all possibility of knowing anything.

Hope is a prodigal young heir and Experience is his banker; but his drafts are seldom honored, since there is often a heavy balance against him because he draws largely on a small capital, is not yet in possession, and if he were, would die.

The Women of Tonquin.

Both men and women in Tonquin wear their hair long and twisted up into a kind of chignon on the top of the head. It is, of course, always lanky and jet black. Their dress is of the most simple kind. The men wear a loose jacket and trousers, and the women wear a long, straight shift reaching from neck to heels.

The Snow Flower.

Count Anthonsoff's curious discovery of the snow flower is likely to interest floriculturists for some time to come, as from the accounts given of it, it appears to be not only a remarkable but a singularly beautiful plant.

How She Counts Her Children.

A Philadelphia woman who attended a reception given to George Macdonald, the English novelist, when in this country, tells of a queer fall indulged in by the author's wife.

Origin of the Diamond.

Some theories about the origin of the diamond are very ingenious and interesting, though the amount of truth they embody remains to be proved.

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