

A MENDING BUREAU.

WHERE THE TATTERED AND TORN MAY LIE UP FOR REPAIRS.

An Institution Started for the Poor Men's Benefit—Peace and Joy for a Nickle—Buttons Sewed on White You Wait.

You will readily guess what a mending bureau is. It is a place where the tattered and torn may lay up their repairs, where the elusive button may be fastened in its socket so tight that it stays there for the rest of its natural life, where he that hath a torn lining to his overcoat may have a new lining put in its place or the old one brought to a proper frame of mind, where a rip in the coat sleeve may be doctored in genuinely scientific style, where the right sort of treatment is administered to all sorts and conditions of dilapidated garments.

A reporter stood in front of a big jewelry store, wondering if there really were great reductions in watches and diamonds, when he encountered an acquaintance of erstwhile seedy but present dapper appearance.

"I've just been to the mending bureau," said the worthy, "and I feel like a new man. This morning, and every time I put on my coat I swore new and attractive oaths. There was fringes on my trousers legs. My cuffs were pinned up. My pants were supported only by a shoddy strip and a piece of clothes line. Suspender buttons I had none. There were only two buttons on my vest, and I kept it up with a bent hairpin. If I had sneezed hard I should have sneezed them and forlorn before a gaping, fibbing world."

"While in this sorry plight I found this morning a circular of the mending bureau. It was sent to me by some special dispensation of a pitying providence. I went to the mending bureau and stayed several minutes. They did not repair me completely, for I am a modest man, and the officiating angels are all of the gentler sex, but my coat lining is in a state of perfection. They did not mend my suspenders, but my vest displays a goosy array of buttons upon its facade. I am going home, where I shall go to bed and send a boy down to the mending bureau with those articles of apparel, the mending of which cannot well be done in my presence," and so saying the mended and happy man vanished.

The reporter was an external raiment all over, but failed to find anything for the mending bureau to experiment upon. Finally he bethought him that there was but one button on the back of his Prince Albert coat. What do you think? He removed two buttons on the back of a coat for, anyhow? The absence of one of the duo of buttons had caused the reporter much annoyance for several weeks. It detracted from the mending bureau and stayed reporter caused him to walk up sided. Relief was at hand. The reporter sought the mending bureau. As yet it consists of a single good sized room, light and airy, and containing sewing machines, work tables and chairs. Two or three middle aged ladies and three or four young ladies were seated about the room, busily plying the needle. One was threading a needle, and she performed that intricate operation so quickly and neatly that it made the reporter envious as he recalled past struggles of his own. A tall young lady with an amused expression in her eloquent dark eyes asked the reporter if he would be wished to have mended. He hesitated an inclination to say that his heart had suffered a compound fracture, and he explained that another button on his coat tail was a desideratum to his happiness. The young lady smiled and asked the reporter to remove his coat. Being an unmarried man, unused to feminine society, he blushed like a red rose, then, remembering that the button had been on his pink striped shirt in the morning, he took courage, took off his coat and accepted a proffered chair. The other ladies kept on sewing and paid no attention to the newcomer.

THE CONVENIENT BUREAU. There were two other customers in the room, both minus coats. One was having a button sewed on his shirt cuff, and the other had his coat up for repairs. The ladies sewed rapidly, and the three contracts were speedily completed. The reporter was assisted into his coat by the tall, dark eyed young lady. This alone was worth the price of admission, and five cents was all that was charged for the replacing of the button, which the reporter was assured was given that it would stay as long as the coat were worn.

"We have no regular scale of prices as yet," said the manageress of the establishment, "but the mending bureau has only been running a few days. It is the first institution of the kind in the west, though there is one in New York that has made a good deal of money. We thought that there was a demand for a bureau where the mending of undervest could be done with neatness and dispatch. Single gentlemen will appreciate the convenience of a bureau where their clothes are looked after in a good, homelike way. Ladies who are overburdened with the cares of housekeeping will also find the bureau convenient, and we expect to live considerably more from people who visit the city and stay at the mending bureau. The reporter realized fully the truth of these statements. There are care-mortals who would quit as leave their garments in bad repair, but they are in the minority. The great majority will prefer to have their clothes kept in order, and if they have no women folk of their own to do that sort of thing, the bureau will be a full bodied boon to them. The darning of stockings will be a speciality. The average man, who has no one to do his mending, now wears a pair of socks two or three times, and then throws them away total wrecks, rent assunder and mended through by the darning process. The mending bureau will be a boon to the laundries. Here at the bureau socks can be darned at low rates, and money will be saved the wearers thereby. Altogether, the bureau is an institution that merits encouragement.—Chicago Herald.

"Pilgrim's Progress" in Japanese. In "Pilgrim's Progress," as translated into Japanese and illustrated by native artists, Christian has a close shaven Mongolian head, Vanity Fair is a feast of lanterns with popular Japanese amusements, the sturgeon of the sea is a large fish, and those large wooden cages in which eastern criminals are confined, and the angels waiting to receive the pilgrims on the further side of the brigidiere river are dressed in Yokohama fashion.—Chicago Herald.

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EVEN THERE.

A troop of babes in summer land, At heaven's gate—the children's gate— One lifts the latch with rosy hand, The other, smiling, asks her mate— "What was the last thing that you saw?" "I lay and watched the dew begone, And suddenly, thro' the thatch of straw, A great, clear morning star laughed in."

"And you?" "A floating thistle down, Against June sky and cloud wings white," "And you?" "A falling blow, a frown, It frigate me yet, oh, gasp me light!" "And you?" "A face thro' tears that smiled— The trembling lips could speak no word, The blue eyes waned, the lonely child Was home-sick even at her own door."

NEW USE FOR BELLS. How a Restaurant Manager Obviates the Old System of Hawking Out Orders.

"Where's my ham and eggs?" impatiently asked a man of the waiter in a Clark street restaurant the other day. "That's a certain 'ah, there's a coin," said the waiter, "but you give the order."

"No, sah, we don't give no orders, we touch de bells." "I've got a new scheme," said the manager, who had overheard the conversation. "I don't care how you do it, but you take away my appetite to go into a restaurant where the waiter, when he gets an order, haws it out at the top of his voice. Now, in some places, after ordering your stuff, you did hear the cook wing, hog to come along, and if you told him that you wanted the eggs cooked on both sides, he'd swing out, 'shapers!' then wait a minute, and of course the cook understands that he has to get a cup of coffee for the articles called for by this order, but to the uninitiated it is all Greek. Waiters' slang is the most comical I ever heard of, and I can't say it is any more than it is."

"We'll go down to the kitchen and see what sort of a racket is going on," remarked the manager, leading the way to a flight of stairs. A savory smell of cooking meat was wafted to the visitor as he descended the stairs. In front of half a dozen big broilers stood a man, whose jacket was tucked up, and whose white cap placed rakishly upon his head. The manager said that the caps were not worn for adornment, but to prevent hairs and lint from falling into the food. "I don't know why it is," said he, "but constant working near a fire seems to have a tendency to cause the hair to drop out. Of course that would never do, so we oblige the men that wear linen head gear in order to prevent any mishap. Their hair, it looks cleaner, and in a restaurant looks are everything."

Opposite the ranges, surrounded by a number of tickets in his hand. Each ticket had a number printed upon it, corresponding to the number of the order. The tickets were called off in rotation, so that each one of the cooks would get the same number of dishes to serve. The man who was a whirling dervish, followed by a quick, "No, the boy looks up and saw the word 'stuck' on a triangular piece of metal. This came two short rings and a long one. The boy looked at a card and called 'No. 3, tenderloin with mushrooms.' The triangular piece of metal was put back in its place, and in a trice a juicy steak was sizzling on the iron. It was getting along toward six o'clock then, and the orders began to come in thick and fast. "We don't serve anything here, but short orders," said the manager, "and though I have over fifty articles on my bill of fare, I have never found one that could not be ordered by means of the bell. I don't believe there's another system like it in the country, and you can see for yourself how much time and trouble it saves."—Chicago Herald.

Hog Guessing on Long Island. The season is rapidly approaching when harvest homes will be superseded by hog guessing, the favorite amusement of Long Islanders. The manner of proceeding is as follows: The number of hogs to be guessed is printed announcing the name and assumed weight of the hogs, together with the cost of the tickets, are also advertised. Each person registers his name and the weight of the hog he guesses before surrendering it. Then a big horse named and assumed weight has been advertised is killed and dressed. The person who guesses the exact weight of the hog takes the rest of the night. Frequent guesses are made, and sometimes a guess nearest the correct figure entitles the guesser to the meat. "Reckoning" or "allowing" is not permitted. Participants, however, can guess as many times as they are willing and able to pay for the privilege. Some of the swine slaughtered are of enormous dimensions and tip the scales anywhere from 400 to 600 pounds.

Queer Indian Customs in Brazil. The Indian prayer meetings in the country are rather a singular admixture of superstition and devotion. A doll is dressed in silk clothes, with candles on each side, a good bit of tinseel work about it and a ribbon tied about its waist. It rests on the table. Eight or ten Indian men stand around. One has a large drum, which he beats continually. The women sit on the floor, while the men sing prayers to the saint, the women responding. They commence praying about 7 or 8 o'clock and keep it up two or three hours. The drum is beaten with their children kiss the ribbons, asking favors of the saint. The use then goes through the same ceremony. The saint is then locked up in a box, and dancing commences and lasts the rest of the night. Frequent portions of whisky are imbibed by the men, coffee and wine by the women. When the men become too drunk to dance longer they retire to their hammocks and sleep until the next day.—Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.

French Love of Glory. The French claim to be the Romans, and almost everything they undertake to do they refer to a Roman precedent. Glory is one of their things. The English will do upon the idea of power. The Frenchman has no particular care for power unless it brings him action, admiration and artistic triumph.—"Glad" in Cincinnati Enquirer.

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THE COSTERMONGER.

A ROUGH AND READY CHARACTER OF THE BRITISH METROPOLIS.

Fondness for Street Brawls—How the Costermonger Settles Disputes with His Female—The Overworked Pony—Idle Swearing in the Streets.

The London costermonger generally wears a fixed kind of dress. His hat is always a black derby, rusty from rain and weather. His coat is generally a rusty black frock. He rarely wears a waistcoat. His trousers may be corduroy or any kind of the cheaper woollen patterns. His shoes are thick soled and homelike. He always wears a colored handkerchief, and his neck in place of a collar. These handkerchiefs are always dirty, except upon rare Sunday and holiday occasions, when new ties are donned. These handkerchiefs are always of a certain color, light blue and red being the favorites. They are worn high up on the neck, leaving a couple of inches of dirty neck showing between the handkerchief and the grey collar of the shabby frock coat. The handkerchief is really the badge of the order. This handkerchief about the neck designates the character and standing of a man in England as completely and thoroughly as if he wore a uniform prescribed by act of parliament. The costermongers are men engaged in street traffic of all kinds. They are generally dealers in vegetables. They begin with push carts, and if they are prosperous and ready for the work, their ambition they become the owners of small two wheeled wagons, drawn by little donkeys or ponies. The strength and endurance of the animals are phenomena. I have seen from the carriage of a person on a costermonger's cart being drawn at a furious pace by a pony not much larger than a Newfoundland dog. The costermonger never gives his pony any rest. He works him from early in his business and uses the wretched little animal on Sunday to give his friends a treat in the shape of a ride to some cozy refreshment in the dining room. The costermonger lives in the suburbs. He never indulges except for eating and sleeping. A very severe driving storm will sometimes force them into the house, but they generally take refuge under an awning or some gateway, where they are, though, and have a perfect passion for pieces of uproot and excitement. You rarely hear of costermongers murdering any of their associates. They are armed with knives or pistols in their quarrels. They have a way of pounding and kicking each other when engaged in disputes, but are rarely arrested, as they seem to carry malice, and their fights are so short and in a good natured way. The costermonger and his female are often the chief actors in a street brawl. When once a costermonger has begun to keep company with a costermonger's wife she is considered his property. She speaks of him as her man and she is spoken of as his "gal."

It was Sunday morning. The two had started out as early for a holiday. He was in his best. He was a surly, heavy jawed fellow, with black eyes, a short nose and unwary, hairy fists. He wore a little black derby hat about three sizes too small for his great, round head. His handkerchief was the lightest of sky blue. She was buxom, burly, of medium height, dressed in true costermonger style. Their dispute grew out of a difference of opinion as to what the best should spend the day. She insisted on going one way and he the other. They disputed for half a moment, and then he turned around and kicked her on the back with his right foot. She kicked at each other for about five minutes, the center of a delightful cheering crowd, and then the costermonger, who was a skill in kicking carried the day. In a moment or two more he gave up, grinned good naturedly and the two walked off together for a happy bath.

The way domestic brawls are carried on in the streets of London cannot be matched, I am certain, in any other city in the world. The common people who walk the streets regard these quarrels as their own private business, and they resent any interference of the police. As a general thing the police do not touch the brawlers unless they make too much of a disturbance and block up the streets. The police then simply order them to move on, and make arrests only where the disturbing party resists. During my stay in London I have seen more street fights than I had ever seen before in my life. The actors in these brawls are domestic brawls appear to take great pride in the parts which they are called upon to play. They are stimulated by the cheers and roars of approval from the audience and do their best to make a reputation for courage, ferocity and skill in rebuff.

The women are especially excitable and give in a street fight. The man generally looks sulkily and sheepishly, engaged in a fight with his female in public. But the women never give them a chance to back out. They are much more vindictive and active than the men. As the man has kicked three or four times and has had his face scratched up to a proper state of rawness, he becomes excited and then strikes out, brutally and cruelly, unless a policeman intervenes to stop the proceedings. They are generally the victors in these street fights. The fighting women generally have babies in their arms. I have seen a number of costermonger viragos bounding from the ground like hyenas, rushing up and down with great leaps, howling insults and epithets, then sweeping down toward the hated object of their wrath for a blow or a kick, and when the man strikes out the last time, they are ready to follow the use of this beneficent restorative of health. Dyspepsia, liver complaint, nervous ailments, rheumatism and inactivity of the kidneys and bladder, are all cured by the use of this restorative. Remediable through the general aid of this wholesome botanic medicine, recommended by the medical fraternity.

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