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As there are lotteries to be won... The thoughts of men to something higher...

STUDIES IN CRIME.

John Wilson's Career of Sin in Scotland, America, and on the Seas.

Living by Starvation and Neglect.—"Cannibal Packard's Crazy Deeds in Southern Arizona."

Chicago News.

In sight of his birthplace, John Wilson, a man whose history reads like a romance, died a few days ago, alone and forgotten...

As a boy he was stubborn and impulsive, his father had left Scotland to escape punishment for illicit distilling...

When next heard of he was shipwrecked off the coast of Africa. Here he lingered long enough to enlist the affections of the daughter of an inland African chief...

Then for ten years he abandoned the sea. Immediately after the episode last given he wandered into the great Southwest and married a Mexican lady with vast attainments and vast wealth...

After another turn at the sea he returned into Colorado again and made a fortune at Leadville, only to gamble it away in Cuba...

luck that had favored him so long turned on him at last, and he was robbed of every possession in New York city and his supposed corpse flung into the harbor...

He kept a "loaf" of nearly his whole life, which is in the possession of his Mexican children. It is most wonderful reading. He was the father of seventeen children, and by them a multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Opposed to him is that pitiable victim of fate and uncontrollable circumstances, "Cannibal Packard," now imprisoned at the Gunnison, Col., for the murder of his seven companions.

Several years ago he and seven other men went down into San Juan country, in Southern Colorado. It was then wild and desolate, with only a government station within its precincts, and no other civilization.

Every day they set out in pursuit of the fort, only to return to camp every night still more discouraged and hopeless. At last their food gave out. They ate their boots, leggings, and the leather straps on their rifles...

Another theory is that the woods are full of antidotes to the effects of ivy and dogwood, and that the habit of many persons of occasionally chewing the ends of a pine twig is a preventive.

But as these properties of poisonous plants do not exist in all species which are poisonous, it is prudent for all persons who frequent the woods, either for labor or for recreation, to learn how to determine upon their safety.

Two personalities, each unique and extraordinary, are worthy of the consideration of every student of human nature. They furnish quite as much variety as the lives of any two men of the present age, and it is doubtful if any other age will ever afford a more striking contrast.

Mrs. Blaine is a native of Augusta. She is the daughter of the late Jacob Stanwood, an extensive wood merchant, and late in life an officer of the Freeman's National Bank of Augusta.

everything is at once left that his wants may be attended to. Mrs. Blaine dresses elegantly, yet with no appearance of trying to outdo her neighbors. Many of her dresses are made by Worth, of Paris, and are of costly material.

POISONOUS PLANTS.

What They Are and Some Antidotes to Their Effect. Prof. Wilson Flagg observes that it is important that all who ramble in the woods should be able to identify the poisonous plants, not only that they may avoid them, but that they may feel secure when such plants are near them.

If I remember correctly, Kalm, the Swedish botanist, tried a variety of experiments with the poison dogwood. He rubbed its leaves on his face and hands and drank a decoction of its leaves.

I have reason to believe this to be an error. Some persons are very susceptible of the poison, while others are not affected by it at all. But I have known persons who were badly poisoned in their early days who could, after becoming adults, handle the plant with impunity.

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KILLED.

With the swallows homeward flying, Flies my heart, dear land, to thee; For thy quiet fields I'm sighing, For the home I may not see.

ADELINA PATTI.

Something About the Loves of a Prima Donna. London Pall-Mall Gazette.

A well-known actress, who is also a professional beauty, was one day exchanging a little pleasant banter on the subject of her looks.

And so, perhaps, it is with most actresses and prima donnas, whose fancies are as many and as fleeting as their admirers. The world hears of these things; sometimes it is the divorce court, sometimes it is a volume written by a friend, which reveals the secret.

Some amusing recollections of Madame Patti's early life have just been published by Frouin Douise Lauw. This lady, we are told, lived with the great prima donna from 1863 to 1877.

"Papa Patti" was consulted, and gave his consent, but on one condition. "Wait," he said.

More and more consumed by jealousy, the young man declared to Adelina's father that he would wait no longer, and must incontinently marry his love.

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new engagements in order to sing with Patti. The domestic catastrophe in the house of the Marquis de Caux is described as follows:

When the Moscow season was approaching its end the marquis learned that Nicolini intended to come from Naples to St. Petersburg, and, after breaking his contract at the former place, had offered to sing at the latter twelve times without compensation.

At all, in his despair, Ferry promised to substitute Massini for Nicolini; but when the curtain rose on the evening of the performance Nicolini nevertheless appeared on the stage.

Adelina received the intelligence of my imminent departure with indifference, says the Fraulein sadly. "Our farewell was exceedingly cool and frosty, as if it was a stranger instead of a friend, a sister. In her I had lost the dearest thing on earth.

"Lots of chaps think it would be fun to run an engine," said the driver as he struck his head, a flaming torch, and a long-necked oil-can under his machine.

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BEAUTY THAT WON'T GIVE.

Pretty Girls in the Government Office Refuse to Contribute.

Washington Cor. Philadelphia Press. "I want \$5 for the election, miss?" "No."

Well, none of us girls give anything, now, and we don't intend to, and we haven't for most two years.

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THE SLUGGER SULLIVAN.

How Near he Came to being Electorated by a Bullet.

Boston Herald. The story of the trouble between John L. Sullivan and Patrick Coakley in this city last week has not been accurately told.

Coakley was playing pool with some friends in McKay's saloon when Sullivan and his friends entered. Coakley asked Sullivan to join him in a drink and Sullivan refused.

Coakley then put his cue in the rack, and Sullivan followed him up telling him he was "a fraud," "a sucker," &c.

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