LOST THEIR EARS.

Malevolent Mutilation of Mediævai Malefactors.

Removing Auricular Appendages on the High Pillory

Any mutilation of the car which invoived the loss of a portion or all of it has always been a mark of disgrace. In one of the statutes of Edward VI. the penalty affixed for its violation is the loss of an ear and perpetual infamy.

In those days the celluloid ear had not been invented and the loss of one of these members was a public baige of shame for life.

Following the retributive law of Moses, probably the punishment originated in the ecclesiastical courts. It is first mentioned in the trials of offences against the Church and some of the earless clericals were noted men.

The sentence to the pillory frequently had the additional punishment of the loss of one or both ears added. Daniel Fooe or Foe, later in life known as Daniel Defoe, wrote a pamphlet called "The Shortest Way with the Dissenters" and lost his ears. Pope, in his "Dunciad," speaks of the author of "Robinson Crusoe:" "Earless on high stood unabashed Defoe."

He was placed in the pillory three times. That instrument being on a raised platform, explains the line. In Defoe's case, however, as in many others, his punishment was rather a martyrdom and litted him in the esteem of those who believed as he did.

Dr. Bastwick, who published more pamphlets than pills, concluded one of his essays with: "From plague, pestilence and famine, from bishops, priests and deacons, good Lord deliver us." This was so serious an affront that the doctor was sentenced to the pillory and to lose both his cars.

The execution of his sentence was a sort of public fete. His friends gathered before the pillory and shouted words of encouragement. His wife climbed upon the pillory and kissed him. When his ears were cut off "she put them in a clean handkerchief" and carried them home. The celebrated Prynne suffered a similar punishment.

The names of lesser criminals have escaped the permanent records, but Blackstone mentions a number of early English Parliamentary enactments making the loss of an ear a penalty in law.

Fighting in a church or churchyard by acts passed during the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Edward VI. meant the loss of both ears. If the prisoner had no ears-which implies that there were habitual criminals 350 years ago-he was to be branded with the letter F in the cheek.

In the second and third years of the same monarch, combinations among the victualers and artificers to raise the price of provisions or the rate of labor for the third offence were punished by the pillory and the loss of an ear. The statute not only extended to the combinations to raise wages, but to regulate the quantity of work or to lessen the hours of labor.

In this degenerate age the coal barons' association, the gas trusts and other combines, if these laws were enforced would give the public executioner active employment.

In later years the loss of an ear or a part of one has also been regarded as implying disgrace. The ear is not easily lost. Any necident that destroys the car usually destroys the person wearing

One of the favorite ways of mutilating an enemy in a rough-and-tumble fight is to bite off his ear. In disreputable braw's and in low resorts brute instinct makes ear mutilation a fit revenge for almost any wrong.

Jack Stade, the notorious desperado, in a fit of rage is said to have cut off the ears of a man he had murdered. He kept them in his pocket and beastfully exhibited them when in a drunken and dangerous state.

When he saw on the noker table a stake he wanted particularly Jack played the ears. Flinging them on the table they beat four aces or a straight flush for Jack had a pistol in each hand the next instant. He always took the pot on the play.

Never Heard Of.

"Babylon must have had a very equable climate," said Mr. Brown to his wife.

"How do you mean?" she inquired. spring, or winter or summer."

Then he dove into the paper again

and was still.

Screws that Appear Like Dust.

The smallest screws in the world are made in a watch factory. There can be no doubting that assertion on any score. They are cut from steel wire by machine, but as the chips fall down from the knife it looks as if the operation was simply cutting up the wire for fun. One thing is certain, no screws can be seen, and yet a screw is made every third operation. The fourth jewel wheel screw is the next thing to being invisible, and to the naked eye it looks like dust. With a glass, however, it is seen to be a small screw, with 260 threads to the inch, and with a very fine glass the threads may be seen very clearly. These little screws are fourone thousandths of an inch in diameter, and the heads are double in size. It is estimated that an ordinary lady's thimble would hold 100,000 of these tiny little screws. About 1,000,000 of them are made a month, but no attempt is ever made to count them. In determining the number 100 of them are placed on a very delicate balance, and the number of the whole amount is determined by the weight of this. All the small parts of the watch are counted in this way, probably 50 out of the 120. After being cut, the screws are hardened and put in frames, about 100 to the frame, heads up. This is done very rapidly, but entirely by sense of touch instead of sight, so that a blind man could do just as well as the owner of the sharpest eyes. The heads are then polished in an automatic machine, 10,-000 at a time. The plate on which they are polished is covered with oil and a grinding compound, and on this the machine moves them rapidly by reversing motion until they are fairly polished, -[Analyst.

Food of the Eskimes.

The walrus forms the principal food of the Eskimo race wherever it is found, and it is so generally distributed over the Arctic part of the North American continent that it undoubtedly makes up the bulk of sustenance for the whole race, with the various seals following closely behind, and both these kinds of meats amply supplemented by salmon, cod, whale, muskoxen, reindeer and polar bear, with an occasional tribe here and there preponderating in some of these latter foods over the walrus and seal. The walrus will not live where it is so cold that all the water channels are frozen over in the winter, as he cannot cut a breathing hole through the thick ice like the smaller hair seal, which is found in about every part of the Arctic that man has penetrated, and at about all seasons of the year. The greater amount of fatty tissue in the animals of the sea makes them more acceptable as food to the Northerner whose system craves such diet during the rigorous winter of that zone .-

Modern and Ancient Inks.

The great merit of our common writing ink is the freedom with which it flows from the pen, allowing of rapid writing and the manner in which it tites into the paper so as not to be removed by sponging. The great defect is in the want of durability. Such inks partake of the nature of dyes. The writing ink of the ancients on the contrary, is characterized by great permanency, its basis was finely divided charcoal mixed with some mucilaginous or adhesive fluid. India ink is of this character; it is formed of lampblack and animal glue, with the addition of perfumes, not necessary, however, to its use as an ink and is made up into cakes. It is used in China with a brush, both for writing and painting upon Chinese paper, and it is used in this country for making drawings in black and white, the depths of shade being produced by dilution with water .--Mail and Express.

Method of Funigating Mail.

A fair percentage of the mails coming to the post office, remarks the New York Sun, have borne considerable evidence, externally, of having passed through a smashing or mowing machine. They look as though some one with a fork two inches broad and thickly set with times had ferociously jubbed each letter several times, the proags piercing clear through the letter cach time. This mangling is a sign that the letters have been through a vellow fever quarantine, the mangling being a part of the process of tunigation, its object being to enable the fumes of the burning sulphur or other material used to reach every part of the letter. Inci-Why, you always hear of the fall of dentally, it would be just as well now-Babylon and never a word about its alays to submit to home-made furnigation any letter received with the Pieriida postmark and no holes punched in

THE SAILOR GIRL

When the wild geese were flying To Flanders away, I clung to my Desmond Beseeching him to stay; But the stern trumpet sounded The summons to sea, And afar the ship bore him, Mabouchal Machree

And first he sent letters, And then he sent none, And three times into prison I dreamt he was thrown; So I shore my long tresses, And stained my face brown, And went for a sailor From Limerick town.

Oh! the ropes cut my fingers; But steadfast I strove. Till I reached the Low Country In search of my love. There I heard how at Namur His heart was so high That they carried him captive, Refusing to fly.

With that to King William Himself I was brought, And his mercy for Desmond With tears I besought. He considered my story, Then smiling, says h "The young Irish rebel For your sake is free."

Now, Desmond O'Hea, Myself has decided Your sentence to-day. You must marry your sailor With bell, book and ring, And here is her dowry,

" Bring the scarlet before us,

Cried William, the King. -Alfred Percival Graves.

A MODERN ATALANTA.

the Ran for a Car and Outdid Her Tired Escort.

They were coming down a street in the west end of town, one of the twen-ties, intending to take a Pennsylvania avenue street car, says the Washington

He was an ordinary looking young larly summerly athletic style so com now, with white flannel shirt and w

trousers, held up by a wide red sash.

Hanging demurely to his arm was a girl that would claim the attention of a trainer or athlete, or any one whose eye is caught by physical development. She was perhaps 20 years old, and her short blonde hair clustered about her regallyposed head in a profusion of yellow

In the line in the upper part of the In the line in the upper part of the back and her neck was scarcely a curve, the index of suppleness and strength equally valued in a prize fighter or in a sprinter. The shoulders that gleamed through her transparent white dress were poems of muscular flexibility, and the skin of her arms that showed in little disarpoods through the group embraid. the skin of her arms that showed in It-ted diamonds through the open embroid-ery of her sleeves was the pale pink, smooth and satiny in texture, that showed a physical condition that an ath-lete would call "fine as silk." She walked with a swinging stride, and the yellow shoes that dodged in and out from under her white skirts, had broad, low heels.

While they were still half a square or so from the avenue a car came in sight and the young man hailed it. Of course, neither the driver nor conductor heard him, and the good-natured but misguided people who go about the streets stopping cars for other people, welcomed the opportunity to stop the car for the pretty girl's sake, not, however, until it got some distance beyond the corner. The conductor, as conductors always do, reached up and took hold of the bell-strap with one hand and beckoned the two fares with the other with a hurry-up-or-I'll-start-the-car sort of manner.

"Shall we run t" asked the young man, from the avenue a car came in sight and

"Shall we run t" asked the young man, and the girl answered "All right."
Dropping her escort's arm, she broke into a swinging run of astonishing swiftness, and in a half dozen steps was ahead of her escort, sailing riong with her elbows pressed close to her loosely stayed sides, her wrists bent, with the pink palms of her half shut hands truned for ward, as easily and in as good form as 'Shall we run ?" asked the young man, ward, as easily and in as good form as ever a sprinter started to run 100 yards for a purse. On she came, the muscular motions of her lithe limbs swinging her skirts from side to side her lips clo shut and her eyes sparkling with the pleasure of exercise and pride in the ease

The passengers looked out, and even the conductor forgot to ask her to hurry up in his minimation for her muscular grace. She got to the car way ahead of her escort, and stood by the step as he came up, completely winded, and gasped out: "By Jove: What a runner you are,

with which she outstripped her weak-

The girl trippe I up the steps and sat down in the car, her dress rising and falling regularly as she breathed, not exhaustedly, as ,id the young man, but like a person used to violent exercise. The race was lively enough and they bad run far enough to the ninete meity-beet men out of twenty, but this magnificent specimen of physically perfect girlhood recled off the distance "without turning as the driver, who was something of a horseman, said.

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