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The Times' Daily Short Story.

The Knife Thrower

(Original.)

When a mining fever struck a new region in the west I thought I would go out and take a hand. One night soon after my arrival I went to a show that had come to the place where I had located. It was given in a big tent and consisted of acrobatic, sleight of hand and other such performances. There were two brothers, knife throwers, who showed great skill. Ben and Harry Halliwell, as their names were given on the roughly printed playbills. Ben's part was to stand with his back to a board while Harry plucked knives all about him so that when Ben walked away he left his outline in knives on the board. It seemed to me that it was a horrible way of making a living, for an accident most surely occur in time. But this gave the sympathy of the audience to the brothers, the spectators holding their breaths till the end of the game, then applauding vociferously.

The Halliwell brothers were down for two performances, and just before the second a specimen of the toughest class at the mines, a thickset, red faced, thick lipped man, with Satan's own look, strolled around and got in behind the ropes on to the plot reserved for the performers. He stood opposite the knife thrower and sideways to the man at whom the knives were thrown. Harry had nearly plucked his brother in when I saw a flash of light on Harry's face just as he was throwing a knife. It went through the fleshy part of his brother's leg. I had been watching the man who stood opposite him and a second before the knife that wounded Ben was thrown I saw the intruder manipulate a pocket mirror. It was he who threw the light of a lamp into Harry's eyes and caused him to miss the knife. The audience had kept their gaze fixed on the brothers, especially the one standing for a target, and nobody but myself seemed to have seen the cause of the failure. I'm sure if they had the man who had contrived it would have suffered for his act. Being unused to such scenes I prudently kept my own counsel. A tenderfoot is not fitted to take part in the quarrels of the people of new countries.

I saw Harry Halliwell give the man a glance and was confident that he was aware of the cause of his wounding his brother. In that glance I also saw a premonition of revenge. Of course the incident ended that part of the performance. The brothers withdrew, and the bill was finished by the others. So far as I could see, the spectators supposed that an accident had happened, but were so used to scenes of sudden bloodletting that they soon forgot it.

The next day I learned that the fender who had caused the trouble had been felled against Harry Halliwell for

some reason not known to my informant. He passed under the name of Nevada Tim and had a black record behind him. His occupation was gambling, and he passed most of his time at the Metropolitan, a gambling den in the place. I was also told that he had been informed that Harry Halliwell had accused him of throwing a light in his eyes as he was about to throw the knife, and he was looking for Harry to kill him.

The afternoon after the performance, having nothing to do, I sauntered into the Metropolitan and stood looking at the game. I was surprised to see Harry Halliwell sitting at the table playing very moderately. He seemed more interested in watching the door than in the game. I went out after awhile, but something—I could not tell what—led me to go back. There was Harry Halliwell still sitting at the table, the door on his left, and now I noticed his brother leaning on a crutch standing opposite. Presently the door opened, and Nevada Tim walked in. I saw him start when he saw the knife thrown, and instead of walking straight up to the table, as he had started to do, he sidled around to the left.

As soon as the man entered I saw that both the Halliwells were aware of his presence. Ben drew a little off from the table where he and Harry could better see each other, and his eyes never left their enemy for a second. Nevada Tim kept edging around to get in Harry's rear, but in an apparently careless way not likely to attract attention. I wished I hadn't come there, for I knew what he was bent on, and I wasn't sure the brothers did. Finally he attained a position directly behind Harry, and I saw him turn with sudden swiftness and level a revolver on the back of Harry's head, but before he could pull the trigger I heard a third shot and at the same moment saw the handle of a knife protruding from his left breast. He pitched over backward and lay perfectly still.

Ben Halliwell had given his brother a signal which, had it come a few seconds later, would have come too late. Harry had turned only half around and thrown the knife over his left shoulder. So sure was his aim that he had pierced the heart in its center.

I had condemned myself bitterly for not interfering to save a man I supposed was not aware of his danger, though something told me I might go wrong in doing so. It turned out that I would have made a great mistake in interfering. The Halliwells had planned the affair, had kept out of Nevada Tim's way and gone to the gambling house to lay in wait for him. Furthermore, I found that a number of persons present as soon as Nevada Tim entered knew that either he or Harry Halliwell would not go out alive. Halliwell could not hit a barn door with a pistol. My introduction to the country did not please me and the same evening I packed up my traps and returned to the east. EDWARD MORRISON.

Half-Sick

When your nerves are weak, when you are easily tired, when you feel all run down, then is the time you need a good strong tonic—Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Your doctor will tell you why it has such power over weak nerves, why it makes the blood rich, and why it gives courage and strength. Ask him if it is not just the medicine you need.

In For the Staff.

"Your honor," said the prisoner, "I have always been out for the staff."

"Have you any money to pay your fine?" asked the judge.

"No, sir."

"Then," said the judge, with a grim smile, "you will go in for want of the staff this time."—Baltimore American.

Not Particular.

"These are hard lines," said the tourist wearily, as he paused to look at the landscape. "Here I've climbed to the top of this mountain and forgot to bring my glasses with me."

"That's all right," said the guide, "and just as soon drink from the bottle."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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GLEANINGS.

A child of three years old is half the weight that it will ever reach.

The British national debt originated in the reign of William III, whose first loan was obtained in 1694.

The public executioner of Austria wears a pair of new white gloves every time he carries out a capital sentence.

The toothpicks of orange wood, which come from Japan, are made by hand. It is said that a Japanese workman ran whittle from twelve to twenty fuses a day.

Some harps have been discovered in Egyptian tombs the strings of which in several instances were intact and gave forth distinct sounds after an estimated silence of 3,000 years.

In northern China a perambulating village blacksmith goes about in the early spring making implements for the farmers. The plows differ in design in the various localities and are only sufficient to scratch the surface of the soil.

SAVES THE SIEDLCE JEWS

Stolypin Forbids Trial by New Court-Martial

COULD HAVE DESTROYED

Hostile Witnesses—Would Have Cleared Themselves of Blame—"Flying Group of Terrorists Likely to Be Less Active.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—As a result of intercession by a deputation of Jews, Premier Stolypin has sent telegraphic orders to the governor of Siedlce that the persons arrested there following the recent massacre shall not be submitted to trial before the newly established drumhead courts-martial.

Dishonored at the capture of their principal leaders, of whom a number have been executed, the "Flying Group" of the revolutionists, which seceded from the parent organization last winter and which has been responsible for almost all the assassinations and robberies since the convocation of Parliament, has voted to return to the fold and submit to the orders of the central committee. This step means a certain regulation of terrorist activity. Members of the "Flying Group" are convinced that they have had a traitor in their ranks, because the arrest within the past fortnight of over half of their number in various parts of Russia could have been brought about only by the possession of inside information.

The Russian banner, a reactionary organ, intimates that Gen. Treppoff, commandant of the Imperial Palace, was poisoned. Jews here are linking the name of ex-Premier Count Witte with this intimation. Count Witte is more hated by the revolutionists than by the reactionaries. Prefect Von Der Lantini has summoned the editor of the Russian Banner to his office and warned him that the paper must moderate its tone.

Odessa Searched for Bombs.

The Odessa police Monday night vigorously searched for members of the fighting section of the Social Revolutionists, who are reported to have arrived there with the intention of murdering the chief officials and destroying the official buildings. The names of several banks, including those of the Credit Lyonnais, were searched Monday for bombs supposed to have been received under the guise of bullion or other packets from some or abroad. The result is not known.

The meeting of the convention of Polish journalists scheduled to take place at Posen has been prohibited by the police as tending to disturb public order. The object of this meeting is presumed to have been an effort to reach identity of plans looking to the promotion of the Polish national spirit.

RUSSIAN OUTLAWS SHOT.

Lyndeberg and Kent, Multi-Murderers and Terrorists, Put to Death.

Mitau, Sept. 19.—Lyndeberg and Kent, two of the most prominent of the revolutionary outlaws, have been arrested, tried by drumhead court martial, and shot at the scene of their last murder. In a previous attempt to capture these two men, they killed several of the policemen who were pursuing them.

Before their execution they boasted of many murders. They took part in the Sveaborg mutiny, and were in receipt of a weekly salary from the terrorist organization, paid from the proceeds of bank and train robberies.

TERROR IN CASA BLANCA.

Moroccan Town Raided and Europeans Pursued and Wounded.

Tangier, Sept. 19.—Cherif Taelainein with 250 men yesterday entered Casa Blanca, pillaged the French iron works, and pursued Europeans through the streets, wounding several of them.

After terrorizing the town for two hours, Taelainein was induced by the governor to leave, the governor having been reluctantly forced to act by the foreign consuls' indignant protests.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

French feather hats are among the new ideas for fall wear. Hat and trimmings are alike made of feathers.

This is the day of fancy buttons, when nothing is too magnificent in the way of enamel, French gilt, mock jewels and rococo effects to adorn a smart pony coat or Eton.

The latest Parisian girde is at least an eighth of a yard wide, made up of many strips of satin, each delicate color shading gently into the next. The whole is confined in front by a great buckle of gold and enamel.

For cool or cloudy days skirts of denim, colored crases or mohair have taken the place of heavy wool skirts, and not infrequently there is a waist to match, and, trimmed with stitobed bands, these make excellent suits for hard wear.

It is perfectly safe to purchase princess or empire gowns now, as it is settled that they are to be worn quite as extensively as when they first appeared, and they are easily altered, if one tires of the model, by the addition of girles or other ornamentation.—New York Post.

Tamerlane.

Tamerlane enjoys the unenviable distinction of being the bloodiest conqueror in history. It is computed that during his wars nearly 4,000,000 human beings were destroyed.

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Following we publish by request a letter from a young wife:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham: "Ever since my child was born I have suffered, as I hope few women ever have, with inflammation, female weakness, bearing-down pains, backache and wretched headaches. It affected my stomach so I could not enjoy my meals, and half my time was spent in bed."

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What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Ansley it will do for every sick and ailing woman.

If you have symptoms you don't understand write to Mrs. Pinkham, daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free and always helpful.

ALL OVER EMBROIDERED BATISTE makes the nicest kind of a chemisette. When a lace chemisette is to be manufactured, it is wise to cut a paper pattern to fit the wearer and paste the lace on this guide. When the chemisette is sewed on the machine, it is stitched

right through the paper, the latter being torn off when finished. Hand work, though, is always more appreciated.

There is a new lace, Valenciennes rococo, that is much used for trimming young people's frocks. Paris mill is a sheer fabric employed this summer for making best frocks.

Pongee coats in the natural color are as much worn by children as by grownups. String colored lace makes an attractive adornment.

The little girl's dress in the cut is carried out in white pique sprigged with a rosebud design. The short skirt has a box plaited panel in front, and the blouse waist has also a wide plait flanked by side plaits on each side.

The neck is cut in V shape and finished with a round collar edged with ruffles of white lawn. The three-quarter sleeves have turned back cuffs edged with fell.

JUDIC CHOLET.

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IN LOCAL MARKETS

Little Change in Local Conditions for Week

DAIRY BUTTER IS SCARCE

Dressed Pork and Veal in Active Demand—Eggs Firm—Potatoes Hold at About the Same Prices.

Barre, Vt., Sept. 19, 1906. Local conditions are little changed from last week. Fancy dairy butter is very scarce. Dressed pork and veal in active demand. We quote wholesale prices as follows:

Dressed Pork—8@8 1/2c. Fancy Veals—Steady at 8@8 1/2c. Spring Lambs—11 1/2@12 1/2c. Yearlings—9@10c. Fowls—Easy at 14@15c. Spring Chickens—16@18c. Dairy Butter—Fancy grades at 24@25c. Eggs—Firm, at 25@26c. Native Beef, Cows—7 1/2@8 1/2c. Steers—8@8 1/2c. Potatoes—55@60c per bushel.

RICKER'S ST. JOHNSBURY MARKET

Hogs and Veals Steady—Lamb a Shade Lower.

St. Johnsbury, Sept. 19.—Veals and hogs are steady, lambs are a shade lower, and beef is firm. Other kinds are lower. Milkmen are slow of sale. The receipts at W. A. Ricker's market for the week ending September 18 were:

Poultry—2,500 pounds, 8@9c. Lamb—1,500, 5@6c. Hogs—300, 5@6c. Cattle—425, 3@4c. Milk—500, 2 1/2@3 1/2c. Milk Cows—\$2 1/2@4 1/2.

IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Butter Market is Quiet, But Prices Are Holding Up Well.

Boston, Sept. 19.—The local butter market is rather quiet, but prices hold up well. Fancy creamery butter is still scarce and on some marks a slight premium over quoted prices is obtainable. Stock showing only slight deficits has a fairly good sale, but the poor lots move slowly. Fine dairy goods continue in good request and firm. Cheese remains quiet, with prices steady and unchanged. Fancy fresh eggs are still in light supply, steady demand and firm.

Butter—Creamery, extra Vermont and New Hampshire 26c, northern New York 25 1/2@26c, western 25@26c, northern creamery first 23@24c, western creamery first 23@24c, creamery seconds 20@22c, creamery thirds 16@18c, cream-

ery best marks 24@25c, fair to good 22@23c, dairy extras 23c, common to good 17@22c, western imitation creamery 18@19c, western lard 16@18 1/2c, packing stock 15@17c, renovated butter 15@21c, boxes and prints 17@27c. Cheese—New York twins fancy 12 1/2@12 3/4c, fair to good 11@12c, Vermont fancy twins 12 1/2@12 3/4c, fair to good 11@12c, Wisconsin twins 11 1/2@12 1/2c. Eggs—Fancy hennery 31@33c, eastern extras 27@29c, common to good 18@22c, western best marks 21@23c, choice 19@20c, fair to good 18@19c, western dairies 12@16c.

Note.—The above quotations represent the prices obtained by receivers for wholesale lots, and are not jobbing prices.

APPLE CROP BELOW AVERAGE.

Annapolis Valley Yield Disappointing—Ontario Outlook Promising.

Annapolis, N. S., Sept. 19.—The apple crop in the Annapolis valley and other sections in eastern Canada which usually contribute a large percentage of the world's supply, is much below the average this season, due to the dry weather of the past summer, to frequent hail storms and to insect pests. The highest crop is the Gravensteins. In western Ontario, another important apple region, the crop is said to be large.

DEMAND COLOR.

Butter-Eaters Do Not Desire Such Foods "as Natural," Says Manufacturer.

New York, Sept. 19.—The use of coloring matter, flavors and preservatives in foods and drugs was discussed yesterday before the government commission on the pure food law. Many merchants and manufacturers were present. Dr. Hugo Lieber of H. Lieber & Co., defended the use of aniline or coal tar dyes in food, and said that all but one of the aniline colorings were harmless.

Dr. Hugo Sweitzer said that eight or ten of the 2,000 aniline colors might be harmful if used in excess, but in moderate use none was harmful. The butter coloring manufacturers were represented by the Heller & Herz company, whose representative declared the manufacturers of butter would be glad to do away with the use of coloring matter, but the consumer demanded color. He declared 80 per cent of the colors used in butter were aniline, as against 20 per cent of vegetable colors.

Edward Gildeman declared that 90 per cent of the 2,000 aniline colors is used in food products.

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