

MURDER WIFE AND THEN TURNS GUN ON HIMSELF

Dual Tragedy Enacted Last Night Results in Death to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffith.

TIRED OF QUARRELING

Four Bullets Put End to Unhappy Married Life—Ghastly Sight, Greets Discoverers.

Driven to desperation by his wife's incessant nagging and tired of living only to endure the perpetual bickering and strife, which was a daily portion of his married life, George W. Griffith, aged 40, residing at 2029 Fourth avenue, last night shortly after 11 o'clock stepped into the bedroom where his wife lay sleeping, and pressing the muzzle of a .38-calibre revolver to the back of her head pulled the trigger. Then turning the deadly weapon upon himself he shot himself three times, once through the right ear, once through the right cheek and again through the center of the forehead. When neighbors ran into the room, through the haze of powder smoke could be discerned the inert form of the woman in the bed, and the body of Griffith, lying in the center of the floor in a pool of blood, the gun still tightly clutched in his right hand. There were five chambers in the gun, four of which were empty. The woman was still breathing, but died in a few seconds. She was about 20 years of age. At an inquest conducted over the remains of the man at Wheeler's undertaking parlors this morning, the jury returned a verdict of death due to a gun shot wound, self-inflicted with suicidal intent. An inquest was held over the body of the woman this afternoon.

WOMAN HEARS SHOTS.

Griffith, accompanied by his wife, had earlier in the evening, called at the home of his brother, William W. Griffith, 219 1/2 Twenty-first street, and at that time both the man and his wife seemed perfectly contented. They left about 10 o'clock for their home. Shortly before 11 o'clock, May Wilson, colored, who lives next door to the Griffiths, in the same house, heard revolver shots. She stepped into the hallway, then went around to the side of the house and peered into the window. The place was in semi-darkness, and she heard no sound. Then coming around to the front of the house, she pushed open the door, and through the haze of powder smoke, a ghastly sight met her gaze.

GHASTLY SIGHT.

The man, his face blackened with powder stains, lay on his face in a pool of blood, with the gun clutched in his right hand. The woman lay with her back to the man, in bed, her head partially covered, and appeared to be sleeping. The horrified neighbor immediately ran out of doors and notified the police who arrived on the scene of the double killing in a few minutes. Dr. A. N. Mueller was also called but when he arrived both were beyond human aid. Night Captain Kramer and Officer Frankhauser upon examining the body of the woman, perceived that she had discharged at the mouth, which led to the supposition that she had taken poison. There were no bloodstains on the pillow. The woman's head was partially covered with the bed clothing. Upon lifting the body up, the policemen found a great gaping wound in the back of her head, on the right side. The bed was covered with soot from a chimney close by, and the policemen were of the opinion that this might have been caused by a stray bullet.

QUARRELED CHRISTMAS.

May Wilson, the next door neighbor, who was the first to discover the dead bodies, stated that she had heard no loud talk nor any quarreling last night, but told of a quarrel which the couple had engaged in on Christmas night. At that time, Griffith came to the Wilson home, asking to borrow a lamp. He said he and his wife had quarreled, and that the woman in a sudden fit of rage had hurled a lighted lamp at his head. "I cannot stand this life," he said. "I am going to leave that woman." The Wilson woman had had frequent conversations with Mrs. Griffith, in which the latter had praised her husband and spoke of his kindness to her.

MARRIAGE UNHAPPY ONE.

That the married life of the couple was unhappy was gleaned at the inquest this morning, when William W. Griffith, a brother of the deceased man, told of the frequent quarrels which had taken place between the two. Griffith had told his brother he was tired of it all and had said: "When I get tired I have a gun to end it all." It appears that Mrs. Griffith suffered from nervous trouble. She was a sickly woman and had been under the care of a physician for the past year. This nervous malady was due to a breakdown when she was but a young girl, and was brought about by over study. Mrs. Griffith was decidedly tightly and irritable, according to the testimony of William Griffith, and was very jealous. Whether or not she had reasons for her jealousy will never be determined, in all probability. It was learned that Mrs. Griffith had almost daily attacked her husband and had heaped a torrent of abuse upon his head. The

husband had endured this miserable existence, until finally, weary of the battle, he is presumed, decided to end it all, and stealing upon his wife as she lay sleeping, killed her and then put himself out of further misery.

Griffith was about 40 years of age. He was employed as an assembler in the East Moline Harvester plant. For the past few days, however, he had been ill and had not worked.

SECOND MARRIAGE FOR BOTH.

Both parties had been married before. Griffith was married the first time about 12 years ago and had separated from his wife, approximately two years ago. Five children resulted from the union and there were cared for by the mother and grandmother. Maude Griffith had been married before and divorced. The couple had been joined in the bonds of matrimony in their second venture but six months.

Griffith was a drinking man, but so far as can be learned, he had not touched intoxicants last night.

According to the testimony of William Griffith, the brother, the woman had lived with a man for about five years and in his opinion, they were not married. This union was dissolved a year ago, and six months afterward, the ill-fated marriage took place.

DISCLAIMS WORDS CREDITED TO HIM

Chief James Brinn of Police Force Denies Authenticity of "Pipe Dream" Charge.

Chief James Brinn of the police department, yesterday in conversation with a representative of The Argus, denied that he had ever given out an interview in which he had branded a holdup story in The Argus as a "pipe dream." "When I have any statements of that kind to make," said the chief, "I will put my name under them. I was misquoted. I did deplore the fact that so much space had been devoted to the story of how James Lambros had been beaten up because he failed to 'come across' with a dime when it was demanded of him by three fellows, but the story as published exclusively in The Argus was substantially correct."

Police News

Tom Boyland, several days ago, became dissatisfied with things at the county poor farm, where no alcoholic refreshments were dispensed, and taking French leave, walked all the way to Rock Island, where he has since been attempting to drink it all. He was this morning given 10 days in the county jail.

Richard Morrison was assessed 10 days for mooching on the streets. Likewise C. H. Miller for a similar offense.

Steve Resek, arrested for drunkenness and indecent exposure, drew 10 days and will be given a chance to recuperate at the Bruner boarding house.

A. D. Huesing this morning reported to the police that a team of mules had disappeared from his barn. Up until 6 o'clock they had not been recovered. Whether they strayed away or were stolen is a matter of conjecture.

No trace has as yet been found of the man who assaulted 4-year-old Gladys Long yesterday morning, although the police are scouring the entire city in an effort to apprehend him. All officers that can be spared are engaged in the hunt, and it is expected that the criminal will be run to earth in a short time. The little girl's condition is improved.

Alleged Robber Held.

Thomas Jefferson, accused of being implicated in the recent bank robbery at Silvis, was today held to the grand jury under bond of \$20,000 in the justice court of W. E. Whiteside, Moline. J. L. Crowder, the banker who was beaten and robbed and whose coat and valuable papers were found in the possession of Jefferson, was unable to attend the trial. J. K. Scott appeared for the alleged robber, who refused to go on the stand in his own defense. F. E. Thompson appeared for the state. There are two charges against Jefferson—robbery and assault with intent to murder.

Negress Is Arrested.

Following complaints made to the Moline police court last night, Edith Caldwell, a Rock Island negress, was arrested and is being held pending an investigation. It is alleged that she accosted men on the street and made improper proposals while seeking to rob them. One man alleges that she ripped his coat open with a knife and snatched his wallet. She was in the act of accosting a man when the police picked her up.

Car Victim Sinking.

John Maxson, the man who was struck by a street car Christmas night and who is now lying at St. Anthony's hospital, has not yet regained consciousness. According to advices this afternoon, the victim is sinking rapidly.

Button Works Destroyed.

Fire believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the LeClaire Button factory this morning at 4 o'clock, causing a loss of \$5,000. The factory employed non-union men and supposition is that incendiaries set the works afire.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by all druggists. (Advertisement.)

LAST SERVICE DAY FOR COURT TERM

Various Actions Filed With Circuit Clerk Today for Hearing in January.

Today being the last day of service prior to the beginning of the January term of the circuit court, various bills and suits were filed in the office of Circuit Court G. W. Gamble. Any cases meant to come up at the next term of court had to be on file before the court house closed for the day.

Attorney George W. McCaskin filed a suit on a plea of trespass, in which he seeks to recover the sum of \$500 from the city of Rock Island. Mrs. Bert Capmann, formerly Miss Jessie Flaannigan, is the plaintiff. She claims that the city owes her \$310 back salary for work done as Mr. McCaskin's private secretary during his incumbency of the office of mayor. The city recently refused to pay the claim. Hence the suit.

M. W. Lade brings suit against the Midland Motor company in the amount of \$2,400, the bill being filed by Attorneys Shalberg & Harper. The suit is based on a contract which was agreed upon by the parties, and by which Lade agreed to work as bookkeeper and accountant for one year at a stipulated salary. The agreement became effective Nov. 6 this year, and Dec. 7 Mr. Lade was discharged, he claims, in violation of the agreement.

Fred R. Young is complainant in a \$10,000 damage suit in which the Midland Motor company is the defendant. Only the praecipe in this case has been filed. A. H. Kohler is the attorney.

The praecipe in a \$25,000 damage suit was filed by Attorneys Allen and Reynolds for Charles C. Swisher who brings the suit against the Rock Island road.

TRIO LODGE HOST COUNTY MASONS

Annual Masters' Celebration Big Success—300 Members in Attendance.

About 300 Masons representing lodges from all over the country, attended the second annual Rock Island county masters' celebration which was held last evening at the Masonic temple. Trio lodge No. 57, entertained the nine other lodges in this county. There were visitors present from points as far away as Washington, D. C., and New York City. Large delegations attended from Andalusia and Port Byron.

A banquet was served at 6:30 o'clock, four tables being surrounded by guests. On the tables as a decorative feature, were miniature Christmas trees trimmed with candles, which when lighted presented a pretty effect. The dinner proved an exceptionally enjoyable one and the event was a big success.

District Deputy Grand Master Milton T. Booth of Atkinson, one of the prominent Masons present, delivered an interesting talk on the progress of the Rock Island county Masonic lodges during the past year and brought up the matter of a district school for deputies. The success of the school which was held in Rock Island last February led to the bringing up of the matter of the establishment of another one. The general sentiment expressed was that Henry county should get the school. The matter was left undecided last evening and will be adjusted by Mr. Booth as to which county is entitled to the school. Informal talks were also delivered by other Masons.

Each of the county masters upon being introduced was presented with an engraved enamel Masonic watch fob as a souvenir of the occasion. Buttons were received by the other Masons as souvenirs of the event.

Following the banquet the Master Mason's degree was conferred on one candidate, the masters of the various lodges conferring the rank. The Masons were reminded of the approaching dedication of the new Masonic temple which will be one of the big chapters in local Masonic history. The dedication will occur some time in May.

Hereafter the meetings of the county masters will be held at the New Masonic temple where there will be ample room to accommodate visitors.

Following are the lodges and masters who participated in the evening's ceremonies: Trio lodge No. 57, Rock Island; Carlton G. Taylor, worshipful master; Eureka lodge, No. 69, Milan; George N. Campbell, worshipful master; Doric lodge, No. 319, Moline; W. L. Straw, worshipful master; Philo lodge, No. 426, Port Byron; F. H. Schwegler, worshipful master; Andalusia lodge, No. 516, Andalusia; Harry W. Titterton, worshipful master.

Cordova lodge, No. 343, Cordova; William H. Moody, worshipful master; Valley lodge, No. 547, Coal Valley; Henry T. Walters, worshipful master; Rock Island lodge, No. 658, Rock Island; Robert F. Ralston, worshipful master.

Buffalo Prairie lodge, No. 679, Buffalo Prairie; M. M. Marquis, worshipful master; Silvia lodge, No. 898, Silvia; W. T. Adams, worshipful master.

Corn Is Levied Upon.

Deputy sheriffs acting on a distress warrant issued in the circuit court,

yesterday levied on 4,600 bushels of corn belonging to Benton Reynolds, who tills a farm in the south end of the county. Mrs. Anna Wetzel, owner of the farm, is the complainant. She seeks to assure payment of \$1,200 due her as rent for the farm.

CONFIRMS PAVING OF SECOND AVENUE

A final order approving the paving of Second avenue and directing the payment of the contract price—\$26,927.08—was drawn in the county court this morning by Judge B. S. Bell. A fight was expected by the city, as objections to the order of confirmation had been filed by E. H. Guyer and by the State bank, the claim being made that the job was not in accordance with specifications. This morning, however, the objections were withdrawn and the order was granted.

ALLOUEZ COUNCIL OUTLINES PROGRAM

An entertaining program has been outlined by Alouez council, No. 658, Knights of Columbus for its watch party which will be held on New Year's eve in the lodge's club rooms. Quartet selections will be rendered by Burt's quartet, a victrola concert will be given and cards and dancing will be enjoyed. Refreshments will be served during the evening. An enjoyable time is anticipated by the members.

Personal Points

Dr. J. W. Stafford of Clinton, Ill., was in the city on business today.

James E. Reid, 1519 Eighth avenue, left this afternoon for Ayr, Canada, called there by the illness of his father.

Glenn H. Eddy, who is attending school at Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., is spending the holidays in the tri-city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Maxwell left this morning for their home in Bayard, Iowa, after a visit with Mrs. Maxwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bulger.

Miss Bessie Nichols, 618 Twelfth avenue, and Miss Zeta Wicker, 705 Ninth avenue, are at Tiskilwa, Ill., spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

The Misses Winnie Glaspell and Margaret Pilsen returned to their home in Keokuk, Iowa, this morning after spending Christmas in the city with relatives.

Miss Alma Philbrook, a student at the University of Illinois, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Philbrook, 924 Fourteenth-and-a-half street.

Obituary

DE VOE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Anthony De Voe was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, 712 Twelfth street, with services which were conducted by Rev. F. J. Rolf. Interment was made in Chippianock cemetery.

MAJESTIC THEATRE WILL OPEN SUNDAY

Manager J. P. Quinn of the Majestic theatre will throw open the doors of the little playhouse next Sunday afternoon as a "movie" theatre. Mr. Quinn had planned to open Christmas day but was obliged to defer the opening until next Sunday on account of the repair work which is being done on the interior of the theatre. The theatre is being thoroughly overhauled and will be in fine condition for the reopening next Sunday under Mr. Quinn's direction.

Lodge Notes

Ucal lodge No. 608, Odd Fellows, will confer the initiatory degree on a class of 10 candidates at its meeting on the first Thursday in January. Other important business will also come up for transaction.

DR. LOEB TO LECTURE AT BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

Dr. Emil Loeb of Peoria has been invited to come to Rock Island to deliver two lectures at the Beth Israel Jewish synagogue at Twenty-second street and Third avenue. He will speak tomorrow morning at 9:40 on the subject, "Moses of Now and Moses of 4,000 Years Ago." Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock he will lecture on "Abraham and Isaac."

An Exciting Escape.

Prince Kropotkin, the Russian revolutionist, once made an exciting escape from a fortress prison in St. Petersburg. After two years in the prison he had been removed to the jail hospital, where plans were matured by his friends for his flight. He was allowed to walk for an hour each afternoon, guarded by armed gendarmes. In the grounds, a line of spikes outside maintained a system of signals to notify the prince when the adjoining streets should be clear. When all was well a friend in a kiosk opposite the gate played upon a violin. After one or two false starts the violinist burst into a mad melody, and the prisoner, slipping off an outer garment, leaped for it. Sentries tried to seize him with their bayonets; others hesitated to shoot, believing that they could catch him. A carriage with a racing horse in the shafts was waiting. Into it he sprang, and they left at a top speed. His beard was cut off, his hair changed, and he spent the



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of his hiding in the best cafe in St. Petersburg.

The Japanese Bath.

One of the most detailed accounts of the Japanese bath in good native hotels which have not come under foreign influence is given by Mr. Stafford Ransome in "Japan in Transition." It is commonly a rectangular structure of wood, let in so that the top is about flush with the floor, filled with cold water through a bamboo tube and heated by a fire underneath or by the side. It starts us to read that the water is rarely changed more than once or twice a day, so that from a score to a hundred of persons may use the same. But Mr. Ransome explains why this is not the dirty arrangement it seems. "It would be if the Japanese treated the bath as we do—that is to say, as a place to wash in—but he does not. He gets into his bath for the purpose of raising the temperature of his body after he has been thoroughly washed all over."—London Chronicle.

First Lightning Rod.

Nearly everybody believes that Benjamin Franklin was the inventor and constructor of the first lightning rod. In this particular they are mistaken, as the first lightning catcher was invented by a poor monk of Bohemia, who put up the first lightning rod on the palace of the curator of Preditz, Moravia, June 15, 1754. The apparatus was composed of a pole surmounted by an iron rod, supporting twelve curved branches and terminating in as many metallic boxes filled with iron ore. The entire system of wires was united to the earth by a large chain. The enemies of the inventor, jealous of his success, excited the peasants of the locality against him and under the pretext that his lightning rod was the cause of the excessive dry weather had the rod taken down and the inventor imprisoned.—Argonaut.

Carlyle's Influence.

Thomas Carlyle, "the sage of Chelsea," died without winning much personal popularity, a fact, however, which is forgotten in admiration of his genius. Carlyle exerted a greater influence on British literature during the middle of the nineteenth century and on the religious and political beliefs of his time than possibly any other British writer. He never wrote a line that he did not believe, and in regard to style he certainly had no superior. From the position of schoolmaster in an obscure village in the great Scotsman rose to be a leader in the world of letters.—London Graphic.

A Mind Reader.

One night at a court ball in the Tuileries Napoleon III. was so attentive to a beautiful young woman as to excite comment among the other women. At last in response to a direct tribute to her beauty she said: "Ah, but your majesty compliments me too much!" "How remarkable," he replied, with a twinkle in his eye, "that you should say just what every other woman here is thinking!"

A Stetson Story.

The late John Stetson, famous in his day as a theatrical manager, was having a yacht built, and a friend, meeting him on the street, asked him what he was going to name the boat. "I haven't decided yet," replied John, "but it will be some name commencing with S, probably either Psyche or Clinch."

Didn't Need to Know.

Cholly—A fellow told me today that I didn't know enough to go in when it rained.

Miss Sharp—And what did you say? Cholly—I assured him it was quite unnecessary, doncher know, because I never go out when it rains.—London Telegraph.

Doctoring Necessary.

Editor (handing back manuscript)—You ought to take this story to a doctor of literature. Author (puzzled)—Why? Editor—The plot is weak, the construction very bad, the style nervous and the sentiment decidedly sickly.—Pearson's Weekly.

Looks That Way.

"Pa, why are a fool and his money soon parted?" "So that a wise guy can live without working, my boy."—Detroit Free Press.

Find Baby Dead at Ride's End.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 27.—When Mr.

and Mrs. John Anderson of Harlem arrived home from a Christmas party they found their three-month-old infant had smothered to death in the mother's arms during an eight-mile ride.

CUT CUSTOM COLLECTION

Economy in Central West Will Be Effective in Few Days.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The administration of the customs service in Illinois and adjoining states will be simplified considerably and made more economical as a result of the reorganization of the system throughout the country which will be effected by President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh within the next few days.

The total saving in the cost of administration for the whole country is estimated to exceed \$750,000.

Incidentally it transpired that Naval Officer Lewis K. Torbet for the port of Chicago and the seven other naval officers at large ports may not be affected by the reorganization. Treasury officials entertain some doubt that they are authorized to abolish the position of naval officer under the rider attached to the sundry civil appropriation bill last August.

The consolidation of customs districts so as to eliminate expensive and useless offices will be carried out, however, under this provision of law. In Illinois, Waukegan, Coal City, Rock Island, and Galena will cease to be ports of delivery. There have been no customs receipts of Galena for many years, but the cost of maintaining the office there has been about \$400 a year. At Rock Island the receipts were \$51.79 in 1910 and the expenses \$660.30.

Under the new arrangement the Chicago customs district will consist of all of Illinois except East St. Louis and that part of Indiana north of 40 degrees and 45 minutes latitude. Chicago will be a port of entry, with Calumet, Peoria, Ill., and Michigan City, Ind., supports. The remainder of Indiana will be divided into an Indianapolis and an Evansville district.

In Michigan the offices at Sheboygan, Manistee, Ludington, Saginaw, and Mackinaw will be abolished. The state will be divided into four districts, with headquarters at Detroit, Port Huron, Grand Rapids, and Marquette.

In Wisconsin, ports of delivery at Kenosha, Racine, Sheboygan, Green Bay and Deperre will be abolished.

Right and Left.

The old English words "right" and "left" have come into more and more general use, and that too, with the help of other than English people. For some years the words of command have been changed on the ships of a German transatlantic line. Instead of ordering a change of course by the old terms, "starboard" or "port," as the case might require, the same orders are now given by the shorter word "right" or "left." The change was made in the German navy at an earlier day.

It was not long ago that the English word "starboard" was used where we now use "port." There is no difficulty in seeing that two such words as "starboard" and "starboard" were unfit for their use, as they sounded too nearly alike. They were also too long. There is need of short, sharp words, which are easily distinguished. Often there is no time to correct an error, and a mistake is fatal. "Right" and "left" are short and sharp enough. If they differed more in sound they would serve all the better.—St. Louis Republic.

Up Against the Judge.

He was a Scottish advocate, and in his pleading he had several times pronounced the word "enow" for "enough." "Mr. —," the judge remarked at length, "in England we sound the 'ough' as 'uff'—enuff, not 'enow.'" "Verra weel, ma lord," continued the self possessed pleader, "of this we have said enuff, and I come, ma lord, to the subdivision of the land in dispute. It was apportioned, ma lord, into what in England would be called pluffland—a pluffland being as much land as a pluffman can pluff in one day, and pluffmen!"

But his lordship could not withstand the ready repartee and burst into a laugh, saying: "Pray proceed, Mr. —. We know 'enow' of the Scottish language to un-

derstand your arguments."—London Tit-Bits.

Geography of Blushing.

"Dogs blush," said a hunter. "Look at Carlo. I'll frighten him, and you'll see him blush plainly. Dogs blush in the tail."

He pretended that he was going to whip his hunting dog, and the animal showed the whites of its eyes in fright, while the skin of its white tail was, sure enough, suffused with blood. The tail blushed vividly.

"Horses," continued the huntsman, "blush in the ears, especially in the left ear. Cows and sheep blush just above the fetlock. Watch that spot on a cow. When she blushes there it's a sign she's nervous. Move the milk pail then, for she is likely to kick it over."

"Cats and mice and lions and tigers blush at the roots of their antennae, or whiskers."—New York Tribune.

Rain From a Cloudless Sky.

When rain falls from a cloudless sky it is generally believed that the moisture has been brought by the wind at a great elevation. In the south Atlantic it has been known to rain for more than an hour while the sky was entirely free from clouds. In the island of Mauritius it is at all uncommon for rain to come from a cloudless heaven. Slight showers fall during the evening when the stars are shining brightly. It is thought by some that these showers are the result of particles of ice formed in the higher region of the atmosphere melting and falling. Others attribute it to currents of warm and cold air traveling in opposite directions, with the result that the latter condenses some of the moisture in the former and causes it to fall in the form of rain.

Where the Strain Was.

Among the ancestors of Wendell Phillips were several Puritan clergymen. Perhaps it was a push of heredity which made him, at five years of age, a preacher. His congregation was composed of circles of chairs, arranged in his father's parlor, while a taller chair, with a Bible on it, served him for a pulpit. He would harangue these wooden auditors by the hour. "Wendell," said his father to him one day, "don't you get tired of this?" "No, papa," wittily replied the boy preacher; "I don't get tired, but it is rather hard on the chairs."

Superstitious.

"He was the most superstitious card player I ever saw." "Yes, and he got so superstitious here lately that he doesn't play cards at all now." "Is that so?" "Yes. He suddenly discovered that there are thirteen cards in each suit."

Proof of It.

"Well," remarked the boxer, as he walked the floor with his first born, "some of my enemies have said that I couldn't put a baby to sleep, but I never believed it till now."—Week's Sport.

Pretty Good Evidence.

Mrs. Hoyle—I think my husband is getting absconded. Mrs. Doyle—How so? Mrs. Hoyle—He recently mailed a letter on the same day that I gave it to him.—New York Press.

Doing Very Well.

"Bah! He has no energy." "He has energy enough to roll his own cigarettes and to carry a large cane. You can't expect too much of a young fellow."—Exchange.