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AN EXCEPTION TO THE GENERAL RULE.

While at El Paso the other day, we saw at the Grand Central hotel many things worthy of note, most notable, unaccountable, unexplainable and unnatural—one of them we are impelled to give the HERALD readers.

A family applied for quarters at that celebrated hostelry, and while waiting for the attendance of the ushers, severally made themselves conspicuous by an exhibition of restlessness, patient servility and fatality. There was in this family five, whom we shall designate in the order they appeared to take in importance as they passed in review. The wife, dog, husband, servant and baby. The wife was fair, fussy, fat, fluffy and forty. The dog, who perhaps would tip the beam at two pounds, was of the Scotch poodle—if such a thing exists. The husband was a great tall creature, say six feet one inch, with a gaunt look without flexibility or ease in any position. The nurse was a stalwart negro woman, so black as not to leave a doubt of her being thoroughbred, and the baby, a bright, rosy cheek specimen of about six months existence in this vale of tears. They were, without doubt, upper-class folks; all were properly arrayed for a contact with the dust and smoke of railway travel. The madam was clothed in an exquisitely made garment of buff-colored worsted fabric, elaborate in finish and style. Her head gear would have filled the desire of the Queen of the Orient. The canine had on his summer collar of pink and blue illusion, which seemed to comprise his whole uniform. The six foot one inch was invested in an overcoat of brown linen that hung upon his angular shoulders and found rest upon his insteps; his eyes were dazed, and every feature of his countenance looked as if he was hoping for and dreaming of deliverance, while the sweat was standing in hummocks on his pallid brow like sand dunes on the desert. The dark attendant wore heavy woolen clothing with round, narrow-brimmed turbaned trimmed hat, also of dark material. In her arms and close against her breasts she carried the little six months offspring of fashionable sentimentality. The baby's wraps were of the purest white, looking all the fairer in contrast with the attendant's complexion. The tiny thing looked alone to its dark nurse for the gratification of all its wants. It knew or seemed to know it only as its mother, and it will do so while its wants are satisfied in that direction. Its little heart will be drawn to the source of all its comfort, and the woman that gave it birth will have no part or lot in its affections.

We carefully observed every movement of the wife, while the man, almost overcome with the intolerable heat of the day, was endeavoring to gather together the innumerable parcels, packages, satchels, bags, etc., the while taking orders, cautions and instructions from, and being driven nearly to death by the fidgety frenzy of this appalling specimen of married femininity. This fussy head and tail of the family seemed to have but two personal objects in life, one was to test the amount of agony the partner of her sorrows could withstand, and the other, to determine how near human she could treat her two pounds of dog meat. We saw all this in less than half the time it has taken to tell it. The family was soon quartered in spacious apartments; the dog was nestled beneath the delicately trimmed cape of the traveling wrap on the perfumed bosom of its foster-mother as they entered their chambers. The husband made a lively break for the gorgeous bar room to thank his God and drown his sorrow in the flowing bowl. The nurse bowed her head and impressed with her great lips a kiss of affection on her charge, which the baby acknowledged by an angelic token—an infant's smile.

That mother may win the affection of a dog, but she will assuredly never gain the love and devotion of her child. Go on querulous woman, life is short, but it may be long enough for your day of sorrow to come. It may be long enough for your repentance in briny tears at the neglect of your child. It may be long enough for you to cry for the wheels of time to roll back that kind words of sympathy might have drawn your husband to you, instead of your petulance driving him to the destroyer—rum—for refuge and relief from the tortures of the tongue of a termagant. A sketch of domestic life as taken in this incident shows it is not always the man that should be sent to that place supposed generally to have been prepared for the devil and his angels—not always.

LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD.

When Patrick Henry put his old cast-iron spectacles back on the top of his head and whooped for liberty, he did not know that some day we would have more of it than we would know what to do with. It seems to me that we have too much liberty in this country in some ways. We have more liberty than we have money. We guarantee that every man in America shall fill himself full of liberty at our expense, and the less of an American he is the more liberty he can have. If he desires to enjoy himself, all he needs is a slight foreign accent and a willingness to mix up with politics as soon as he can get his luggage off the steamer. The more I study American institutions the more I regret that I was not born a foreigner, so that I could have something to say about the management of our great land. If I could not be a foreigner, I believe I would prefer to be a Mormon or an Indian not taxed.

I am often led to ask, in the language of the poet, "Is the Caucasian played out?" Most everybody can have a good deal of fun in this country except the American. He seems to be so busy paying taxes all time that he has very little time to mingle in the giddy whirl with the alien. That is the reason that the alien who rides across the United States on the "Limited Mail," and writes a book about us before breakfast, wondering why we are always in a hurry. That is the reason we have to throw our meals into us with a dull thud, and hardly have time to maintain a warm personal friendship with our families.

I am in favor of a statute of Liberty Enlightening the World. The sight of the Goddess of Liberty standing there in New York harbor, night and day, bathing her feet in the rippling sea, will be a good thing. It will be first-rate. It may also be productive of good in a direction that many have not thought of. As she stands there day after day, bathing her feet in the broad Atlantic, perhaps some moss-grown Mormon moving towards the far west, a confirmed victim of the matrimonial habit, may fix the bright picture on his so-called mind, and remembering how, on his arrival in New York he saw liberty bathing her feet with impunity, he may be led in after years to try it on himself.—Bill Nye.

Some of our exchanges are suggesting the forming of a Press Association in Arizona. The scheme is impracticable as well as dangerous. It does well enough so long as the thirty odd Arizona editors are scattered over the length and breadth of the territory, but once get such a menagerie together, and the consequence, not only to themselves, but to the community, would be something frightful. As well try to mix oil and water as the warring element of Arizona journalism.—Phoenix Herald.

APACHE BUTCHERINGS.

The Silver City Enterprise registers the following murders by the Apache Indians since Geronimo left the reservation:

Robert Benton, Blue Creek, Ariz.
Christ. Luther, Blue Creek, Ariz.
Lutrer, Blue Creek, Ariz.
James Montgomery, Little Blue, Arizona.
Robt. Smith, Little Blue, Ariz.
Peter Anderson, Little Blue, Ariz.
Prospector, name unknown, Little Blue, Arizona.
Nat Luse, near Alma, N. M.
Calvin Orwig, near Alma, N. M.
J. J. Baxter, west fork of Gila.
Bunting, west fork of Gila.
Felis Marques, near Silver City.
Juan Marques, near Silver City.
Marquita Lechner, near Silver City, N. M.
Paz Rascom, near Silver City.
Charles Stevenson, Black Range.
Harvey Moreland, Black Range.
Frank Adams, Black Range.
Ed. Ford, Blue Creek, N. M.
John Frasel, Blue Creek, N. M.
W. A. Daniels, near Bisbee, Ariz.
Charles Tielman, (not positively identified) Arizona.
Ochoa, (Mexican) Arizona.
F. Huntington, Sonora.
P. McKurtan, Sonora.
P. Palmer, Sonora.
Five soldiers, Guadalupe Cañon, New Mexico.

In presenting the foregoing list of victims of the Apache raid through New Mexico, and Arizona, we have been at considerable pains to ascertain facts. For that reason while we are positive that it is correct, we by no means feel it to be complete. Others who have been slain may not be missed or discovered for months to come. It is quite likely, could the exact truth be known, that the total will reach the number of fifty.

THE DISGUSTING THIRTEENTH.

The printed journals of the last session of the legislature have been received and a hurried perusal of them brings to light conduct of both houses which apparently press the parliamentary rules to their utmost limit. In one instance the reader is gravely informed that, "On motion of Mr. Todd of Maricopa, the Mayor of the City of Prescott was fined a keg of North American cocktail for allowing the lamps to be taken from the Council Chamber," the vote passing the measure being an unanimous one. In several places the journals record the imposing of the "usual fine" on tardy members, which in plain English means that the members in question was required to "set up the drinks" to his colleagues. Will not future generations, in reviewing this official record of the deliberations of our sapient solons, reasonably arrive at the conclusion that the Arizonians of the present day were wont to enact their laws while drunk, as is accepted at present as an indisputable fact that the statement that the Persians of Cambyes day were wont to decide on all questions of national importance while intoxicated and afterwards review their decision when sober.—Prescott Miner.

Secretary Van Arman has been interviewed in San Francisco and pays the following compliment to our territory: The era of prosperity it has entered on insures it a prominent position in the western division of our country. Under Governor Tittle's rule, peace and quiet have succeeded a reign of terror that made Arizona a synonym for rapine and murder. Lieut. Governor Van Arman thinks the Indians should be placed entirely under civil control. They should be granted a certain portion of land and made to depend on themselves for their own support. The balance of the immense San Carlos reservation should be thrown open for white settlement.—Prescott Journal

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