

INACCURATE OBSERVATION.

Why It Is So Easy and So Common For Witnesses to Err.

Professor Cesare Lombroso, the famous expert on crime and criminals, has this to say on the errors that are apt to be found in the testimony of witnesses in court: "Apart from the frequency of the pathological lie (the lie told by those who are inclined to falsehood without reason), it is necessary to remember that many have been led into error through inaccurate observation. It is a well known fact that a square divided horizontally appears greater in breadth than in height, but when divided vertically it appears greater in height than in breadth. Similarly a man dressed in black seems smaller and thinner than when clad in white. We know, too, that when objects suddenly loom upon us on a dark night we see them magnified extraordinarily. The causes of psychological error are numerous. Fear and sorrow intercept sensations and falsify them. An ordinarily courageous man, unnerfed in a railway smash, declared that he had seen a hundred bodies wedged between the carriages. A matter of fact, there was only one. The same occasion another man flew away, imagining that he could hear the derelict engine behind him for three-quarters of an hour. A criminal named Gusio threw himself upon his warder, and the warder took to his heels in the belief that he saw a knife in the prisoner's hand. In reality it was a fish.

"The image of a moving object is the sum total of a series of images of partial movement. Some of these images are perceived only by one set of persons, others by another set. Grass records in his 'Criminal Psychology' how, assisting at an execution where the hangman wore gloves, he asked four others present of what color the gloves were. One said they were white, another deposed they were black, a third was sure they were gray, while the fourth swore that the hangman wore no gloves at all. In a game of dominoes the player does not count the spots one by one, but, having before his eyes a focused image, decides that there are seven or nine, as the case may be. But, supposing these images did not conform to a type, the player would be obliged to ascertain carefully each time before making his total, and he would still be liable to make mistakes. Something like this happens in all our perceptions.

"Professor Lutz, who has applied to jurisprudence so many of the conclusions reached by criminal anthropology, one day had a homicide with dagger thrusts enacted unexpectedly in school by two students. Immediately afterward he assembled all his pupils who had witnessed this sham tragedy and made them give evidence as if in court. Of sixty eyewitnesses of the same age, and all of them well educated, scarcely ten gave really accurate evidence. All the rest fell into more or less important errors of detail. More recently Weber has related his experience with the members of the Society of Legal Psychology at Gottingen. Weber requested from each of them a written statement of a sham crime perpetrated under their very eyes. Over half their number gave inexact information, while many of them gave imaginary details and agreed about the affair only on general lines.

A Curtain Raiser.
Cast for a curtain raiser, a young and pretty actress refused the part point blank. It was beneath her dignity to play to empty stalls. Her manager thereupon prosecuted her. The young actress secured the services of counsel apparently not well versed in stage terms. But ignorance has its uses, and, fortunately for the actress, the court was as unsophisticated as counsel. The latter delivered an eloquent and emotional speech. He described the piteous plight of a young, charming, talented lady of slight and delicate build "cast for a curtain raiser." Was it a wonder that she had refused "de lever le rideau?" Could the court imagine a young lady of her physique "raising the curtain?" "Could it be allowed, could it be tolerated that a man should, unrestrained, display such brutality, nay, such utter savagery, as to order that the machinery of a heavy theater curtain be worked by those delicate hands?" Counsel seemed to have been absolutely convinced of the barbarity of the manager's conduct. Apparently, also, the court was equally in the dark as to the figurative meaning of curtain raiser and sympathized with the slight girl told off to do a mechanic's work. Anyhow, a verdict with damages was instantly given against the manager.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

Wrestling In Old London.
The noble art of wrestling, kept alive in the country by such meetings as the Grasmere sports, has totally died away in London.
Yet for some hundreds of years the London apprentices were passionately devoted to it, and on every St. Bartholomew's day (Aug. 24) a great tournament was held on Clerkenwell fields, where Smithfield market now stands, at which the champions from the city and all the towns around used to contend. The lord mayor and sheriffs attended in state and his lordship acted as judge and arbiter.
Naturally, as local patriotism sometimes grew very excited, this was not always an enviable office. In 1456, for instance, one of his decisions gave offense to the prior of St. John of Jerusalem, who called up a body of archers from the priory, close at hand. A fierce conflict ensued. The lord mayor's cap was pierced by an arrow and he was only rescued by the opportune arrival of a strong body of citizens, who issued from the gate with banners flying.—London Chronicle.

Helvenston-Gary.
Ocala Star: Edward T. Helvenston and Miss Louella V. Gary were married at the Baptist church in this city Thursday evening Nov. 2.

The bridal party arrived at 9 o'clock. The bride, accompanied by her matron of honor, Mrs. W. D. Turnley, was met at the church by the groom and his best man, Mr. Carlos L. Sistrunk, and Rev. C. C. Carroll, who had arisen from a sick bed to officiate, soon spoke the impressive words that linked their lives until death do them part. The bride was given away by her mother, Mrs. Fannie R. Gary.

Mr. Helvenston is the senior partner of the firm of Helvenston-Pastour Company. "Ed" is too well known and much liked in Marion county to need any elaborate description at our hands. The bride is the second daughter of Mrs. Fannie R. Gary. She is a lovely, amiable and accomplished young lady, and one of the brightest ornaments of Ocala's social circle.

From the Orphanage.
It will be remembered that the last Thursday in this month will be our National Thanksgiving day. Last year a number of the friends of the Orphanage over the State unsolicited, sent us a thank-offering. This has moved us to ask that this Thanksgiving be made a day in which the Florida Baptist Orphanage will be remembered with an offering. Nothing can be more suitable than a Thanksgiving to send gifts to orphanages. Where services are held on that day, a collection taken and sent to the poor is certainly pleasing to our Father.

Where services are not held, offerings sent by individuals is an act of worship.

Please remember us with a thank-offering.

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FLED FROM TEMPTATION.

A Briber Was Getting Close to His Honest Man's Prize.

Several secret service men were lurching in a downtown cafe the other day when the talk turned to the general subject of graft and bribery. "I am reminded," said one of them, "of the story of an individual who was well known in the west about a decade ago as a man of unimpeachable honesty and sterling integrity. And it wasn't just a belief or a general impression, but a matter of cold, hard fact, as the circumstances had proved more than once.

"It happened that about the time I mention a big eastern corporation which handled millions of dollars' worth of goods annually wanted a man for a position of the highest trust and after searching the country over lighted on the gentleman in question. He accepted the position, delighted with the honor done him, but only held it for a month, when he handed in his resignation. As he had given splendid satisfaction in the short time, he was pressed by his employers for an explanation. This he finally gave, as follows:

"I had held this place only three days when a well known individual came to see me and, after pledging my honor to secrecy, offered me a bribe of \$10,000 to do a certain thing that would have been faithless to my trust. I had him shown out of the office. The next day a representative of his raised the tendered bribe to \$20,000. I refused indignantly. Several days later the offer was raised to \$50,000, and some time after it was increased to \$75,000. Still I refused with scorn.

"Last week the well known individual himself again came to see me and offered to make the bribe \$100,000 in cash and \$100,000 in stock, and I refused the offer and resigned."

"And why did you resign?" asked his former employers, gazing at him in admiration.

"Gentlemen," said the man of unimpeachable honesty and sterling integrity, "my reputation is all I have. There has never been a spot on my name, and bribery and graft and I have been strangers all my life. Such will continue to be the case. Gentlemen, I resigned because that last offer was simply near my price."—Washington Star.

ENGRAVED LETTERING.

Processes Necessary For Working on Copper or Steel.
Lettering may be described under three heads—large lettering, such as bond titles; small lettering, like that done on coupons, cards and tickets, and script, or writing. Some engravers can do good work in all of these branches of lettering, but in large establishments each man is kept employed at that style in which he excels.
In bonds and stock certificates the titles and script are usually done on the plate from which they are to be printed, but there is a lot of small work, common to jobs of that kind, which is done on what are called "dies" or "bedpieces," and transferred from the rolls to the plates.
In large lettering a drawing of the outline of the letters is made on paper to get the shapes, curves and spacing correct. A tracing of this outline is then made on gelatin, and, after filling this with vermilion, a thin coating of wax is laid on the plate and a transfer of the gelatin tracing put on the wax. Next the outline is carefully marked through the wax on to the plate. The wax is taken off and the artist is ready to begin his cutting.
Lettering on bank notes, if there is to be more than one note on a plate, is engraved on "dies" or "bedpieces" and transferred to the plate. This insures the exact duplication of the material of each of the notes and also makes it possible to reproduce and retouch the work at any time.

Gardner

Gardner, November 7.—We are having some very pleasant weather at present.

Cecil Durrance made this city a pleasant call Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Durrance, of Lily, paid her son, Neil, of this place, a pleasant visit Sunday.

John Carlton and Miss Maggie Carlton were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Miss Fannie Coker entertained quite a number of our young people Saturday evening.

We are anticipating a grand picnic Thanksgiving.

Our school is progressing nicely under the able management of Prof. Chester Parker and Miss Jennie Cattion.

Mr. Roy is putting up a turpentine still, southeast of the school house.

Jim Fielders and Willis Perry, of Lake City, are visiting their brother, F. E. Fielder, of this place.

Mrs. T. E. Fielder is paying her mother on Joshua Creek a visit.

Miss Lula Merritt and cousin, Miss Collins, returned Sunday from a few weeks visit with relatives at Hickman.

Our young people met at the school house Sunday evening and spent a pleasant evening singing.

Brownville

Brownville, Nov. 8.—Keefe, Walker & Co. sold their turpentine still last week to Daniels & Co. Mr. Walker and family left Friday for Lakeland, but Mr. Price will remain here for a few months longer. While we regret to lose these two families we gladly welcome the new comers.

We are glad to report that Cyril Baldwin, who has been very ill with congestion, is rapidly improving.

Quite a lot of oranges are being shipped from this point.

Mildred, the six months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ford, has been very sick with pneumonia, but is slowly recovering.

Mrs. E. S. Register and baby, who have been spending the past month in Georgia, returned home Friday.

Next Saturday and Sunday night is our regular appointment for church. We hope to see a large crowd, present.

Miss Beulah Hollingsworth visited relatives in Brownville Saturday and Sunday.

J. Jenkins paid a pleasant call in our town Sunday.

VENUS NOTES

Bear Hunting and Indians Are Matters of Interest at This Place.

Venus Nov. 6.—J. H. Peoples with a band of cow punchers is in the woods gathering a bunch of cows for the Arcadia market.

J. W. Bailey is hauling his oranges to market. He has about six hundred boxes.

L. J. Robbins has gone to Arcadia with a load of oranges.

J. J. Whidden has moved to the Johnston cottage, Mr. Johnston having moved off and having just moved to Joshua Creek.

Our neighbors are moving off and their place taken by the red men.

There is a tribe of seven Indians struck camp here among us. It is Billy Smith and his tribe, so look out. Mr. Hunter how you come down this way your scalp is in danger if you come down here, killing the game. Us whites and reds may form a conspiracy against you, but you sympathizing people need not send a missionary down yet. We are getting along alright with the red men and we've got them so they will eat out of our hands.

J. J. Whidden and one of the red men killed five bears the other day. Mr. Whidden killing two old ones and the Indian killing three young cubs. Oh! this old place is plumb alright.

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AVON PARK LOCALS.

Mr. A. W. Sargent has opened a little store in the post office building. He has a license for a general merchandise store, but at present he keeps chiefly fancy goods and notions.

The new school library of sixty volumes is here and every book is covered with a neat and durable heavy manila cover. It was our privilege recently to give them a hasty examination, and we think they are a very good selection of books, many of them the very best of their kind. Now the thing is to get them into the heads and hearts of the young people.

Born in Buffalo, N. Y. October 24th. to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. West a son. Not the first grand-son to gladden the heart of grandpa West, but the first of his name, the future "crown prince" to perpetuate the name and lineage of his family. May the child live to be an honor to the name and a blessing to the world.

Clarence Bennett is still suffering much from what appears to be rheumatism in his limbs, from the hips to the feet. He cannot lie down long at a time, hence his sleep and rest is very broken. A careful diagnosis by a competent physician is greatly needed in this case.

Last Sunday being the second anniversary of the marriage of Miss Kate West and W. R. Minor, Mrs. Minor's father, B. F. West, drove over to Bowling Green, their home, and there met his other daughter and her husband, Mr. W. J. Burts and their little son, who came over from Tampa, then home Sunday evening. On Monday they all came out to the Park and with them Mr. Burts' brother, Wilbur Burts. They will rusticate for a week or two in this interior wilderness, at this beautiful season of our south Florida year.

Frequently, those whom the gods propose to circumvent they first lead into some kind of dumb foolishness.

A. W. Sargent gave a zophonone concert at the hall last Saturday night. Nearly 40 pieces were rendered, most of them being instrumental and vocal music. The closing piece was "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," given by a male quartette.

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A FAMOUS PROBLEM.

It Did Not Take Newton Long to Find the Correct Solution.

In Newton's time it was often the custom for illustrious mathematicians, when they had discovered a solution for some new and striking problem, to publish that problem as a challenge to the world while withholding their own solution. A famous instance of this is found in what is known as the Brachistochrone problem, which was solved by John Bernoulli. The nature of this problem may be mentioned. It was to find the shape of the curve along which a body would slide down from one point (A) to another (B) in the shortest time. It might at first be thought that the straight line from A to B, as it is undoubtedly the shortest distance between the points, would also be the path of quickest descent, but this is not so.

There is a curved line down which a bead, let us say, would run on a smooth wire from A to B in a shorter time than the same bead would require to run down the straight wire. Bernoulli's problem was to find out what that curve must be.

Newton solved it correctly. He showed that the curve was a part of what is termed a cycloid—that is to say, a curve like that which is described by a nail on the rim of a carriage wheel as the wheel runs along the ground. Such was Newton's geometrical insight that he was able to transmit a solution of the problem on the day after he had received it to the president of the Royal Society.

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LANDING A CROCODILE.

What a Malay Native Did With Three Pieces of Box Cord.

Why should a crocodile leave a river stocked with food, explore for miles an unsuitable tributary and then wander inland until it finds a pool? One can only say that it does, declares a writer in Blackwood's Magazine. He goes on to speak of the Taiping lake, of the Malay peninsula, whither three crocodiles had found their way. So long as they confined their attention to the fish and an occasional duck no one objected to their presence, but when one of them began to take sheep off the bank as they came down to drink it was felt that the brutes ought to be exterminated, and Mr. Maxwell and his servant, Manap, made the attempt. They set bait attached to a heavy rattan and then waited.

The crocodile had seen us coming, and, unconscious of the fatal rattan which marked its course, moved into deeper water.

Decks were cleared for action. Manap was of course barefooted, and I took off my shoes and stockings, so that my bare feet might have as good a hold as possible on the smooth bottom of the dugout.

As the crocodile moved off into deep water, dragging the canoe along, we realized that we had him well hooked. After a protracted struggle I managed to get the crocodile within a few yards of the canoe. At one moment the open jaws would surge out of the broken water and snap together in unpleasant proximity to our legs. The next moment the heavy tail would swing free of the water, and with the weight of a falling tree would hit the side of the canoe a blow that made it shiver.

More than once the great claws got on the gunwale of the canoe, and it seemed as if the brute would get on board. There was no little risk of losing one's balance and falling in on top of the raging brute.

As the crocodile surged close to the canoe and the open mouth appeared above the water Manap slipped a nose of stout cord over the animal's upper jaw and pulled it tight, some six inches behind the point of its nostrils. Then with a quick turn of his wrist he slipped the slack of the cord round under the lower jaw. He drew the cord tight, and the teeth of each jaw pressed home into the sockets of the other. Manap now grasped the point of the long, narrow head with one hand and with the other rapidly wound the cord round the cinched mouth.

Another nose was slipped over a fore leg. It pulled the leg up to the animal's side. Manap slipped the line over the creature's back and caught up the other fore leg. Then he noosed and tied together the two hind legs.

"Sudah," he said. "That is finished." What he had effected was marvelous. In a few minutes he had transformed a ravening water devil into a tressed up monstrosity, and his only weapon had been three pieces of box cord.

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