

The Science of the Guillotine.

A correspondent of the New York Times, who witnessed the execution of Verger, the murderer of the Archbishop of Paris, gives a graphic description of the science of the guillotine:

The scaffold is erected about eighty feet from the front door of the prison, on four permanent blocks of stone, in the center of the roadway leading from the prison to the Street. The square is planted with trees. On both sides of the roadway stood a double file of soldiers with presented arms. When Verger issued from the gate, supported by the executioner and the chaplain, and saw standing before him the fatal instrument, his face forsook him, and he sank down. It was this passage of eighty feet that was terrible for the criminal, for he knew that the moment he ascended the steps before him his head would fall.

Verger was hurried along to the fatal steps. On the way he did not cease to repeat "Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world pity me!" He also cried "Vive Jesus Christ!" The scaffold was at an elevation of about five feet from the ground. Arrived on next to the last step, he fell on his knees on the floor of the scaffold, pronounced a few words of prayer, and then, addressing the chaplain, said: "My brother, I charge you to make amends honorable in my name to all my superior ecclesiastics whom I have offended or made sorry; tell them that I demand pardon of them as I pardon them myself. I offer my life in expiation of my faults." He then kissed the crucifix and turned and gave a hasty embrace to the chaplain; but he never rose to his feet. As he attempted to do so the executioner, who stood behind him, pushed him forward on to the slab which carried his head under the knife. This slab, which is so placed as to receive the body as the criminal rises from his knees at the last step or floor of the Scaffold, is a new invention, used now only for the third time. It receives the knees to the upper part of the chest, of necessity leaving the neck and head projecting beyond. As the criminal falls upon it, instead of being obliged to tie him there, as was formerly the custom, an operation that was sometimes difficult if the prisoner saw fit to struggle, springs now suddenly seize the body and hold it firm. This slab slides easily in grooves, and a slight pressure on the person of the criminal pushes it forward and places his neck in the notch into which the knife falls. A man is on the other side, ready to seize his head as it passes in order to steady it, while another stands ready to pull the rope which lifts the knife fall.

The knife is in form like the knife of a straw-cutting box, only much heavier. It is placed diagonally in the two uprights, along the sides of which it glides like a saw-mill gate; its diagonal position gives it a sawing motion in cutting through the neck. It falls about twelve feet, and so nicely is its weight adapted to the force required, that it is not much more than cuts off the head without superfluous noise. The moment the knife falls the springs relax by a quick movement, the body is rolled off on to a bascule at the side, which, in turn, tumbles the body on a board, at the end of which stands two men ready to seize it and slide it into a close carriage, which stands ready backed up for the purpose. In like manner the man which is charged with the holding of the head lets it drop into a basket at his feet, seizes the basket, and hands it to a man off the scaffold, who immediately places it in a wagon with the body; the door of the wagon is closed precipitately, and at once moved off the ground. All this is but the work of an instant.

When Verger was pushed forward on the board he raised up his shoulders as if to try to release himself from the clamps. His head was bare, and as he did so he turned his face upwards sufficiently to take a fast hurried look to the side where I stood. I shall never forget this last glance of the criminal. His face was then injected, no doubt from being pushed forward so suddenly on the board, and this movement served the double purpose of bringing the body flat and of sliding the head under the axe. The little wheel at the top of the upright turned half round and the knife fell.

The whole affair was accomplished with such rapidity that a great majority of the audience did not know that it had occurred. Indeed, its rapidity was its most frightful feature. From the moment the condemned man issued from the gate till his body had left the ground was but one minute by the watch! The assassination was not less magnificently performed than the execution!

Thrilling Romance—Sold.—Some time since a Cincinnati paper received and printed the first chapter of what promised to be a thrilling romance, in the expectation of being provided with the concluding portions as they might be needed. The chapter was very ingeniously written, and concluded by leaving its principal character suspended by the pantaloons from the limb of a tree over a perpendicular precipice. It attracted the attention of the press, and inquiries began to be made concerning the continuation of the story and the fate of its hero. Day after day the victimized publishers looked for the remaining chapters, but in vain—they never came to hand. Finding they had been sold, and wishing to put a stop to the jokes their contemporaries were cracking at their expense, they briefly concluded the story thus:

"After hanging to the treacherous limb for four weeks, his pantaloons gave way, and Charles Melville rolled headlong over the yawning precipice. He fell a distance of five miles, and came down with the small of his back against a stake-and-ordered fence, which so jarred him that he was compelled to travel in Italy for his health, where he is at present residing. He is engaged in the butchery business, and is the father of a large family of children."

A distinguished Georgian lawyer says that in his young days he taught a boys' school, and required the pupils to write compositions, he sometimes received some of a very peculiar sort, of which the following is a specimen:

ON INDUSTRY.—It is bad for a man to be idle. Industry is the best thing a man can have, and a wife is the next. Prophets and kings desire it long, and die without it. The End.

Here is another:
ON THE SEASON.—There is four seasons, Spring, summer, Autumn, and Winter. They are all pleasant. Some people may like Spring best; but as for me, give me Liberty or give me death.—The End.

Mother, where's Bill?
"My son, don't let me hear you say Bill again. You should say William!"
"Well, mother, where's the ducks?"
"In the yard feeding the ducks!"
"Oh, yes I see him now. But mother what makes the ducks have such broad flat Williams?"

"Go out with your brother, directly, you buffer!"

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Jan. 7, 1857.

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