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METHODS OF SUICIDE.

How Desperate Persons Adopt Prevailing Styles of Destruction.

"The remarkable methods several suicides have adopted in this city recently call attention to the fact that methods of self destruction are largely matters of suggestion," said a doctor. "When a man gets in that condition where he wants to die, he has little inventive ability and adopts the method that has been brought to his mind. You will notice that after one person kills himself with acid there follows a long list of acid suicides. It is the same with any unusual method. One person gets up an original way, and that inspires the next one to try his hand until we have a whole series of such grewsome novelties.

"I have proved this theory. Several years ago I was discussing this feature of suicide with several friends, including the coroner. They ridiculed my theory. I offered to prove it. It happened that shooting and hanging were popular just then. I wrote an article for a newspaper on the horrors of strangulation and pistol wounds and explained the ease with which one could kill himself with prussic acid. Death from prussic acid, you know, is absolutely instantaneous and, many believe, painless. There had not been a suicide with this acid for more than a year, but within a week after the article was published there were four, and one of the unfortunates had clippings of my article in his pocket.

"Of course I was accused of killing these four by suggestion, but I was never arrested and do not feel guilty, for when once a person has decided to kill himself the method is a slight matter. No person in his right mind will commit suicide. We all know in our sane moments of easy ways to end life, but when in the suicidal frame of mind nature seems to rob us of our reason in this direction, as if in a desperate hope of preventing the sacrifice."—New York Mail and Express.

HOUSES ON "MADE" GROUND

The Reason They Teem With Malaria and Noxious Gases.

Good gravel has so largely come into request that many suburban lands with that valuable substratum are quarried to a considerable depth before being sold on building leases. But it is essential to restore a level surface, as even the most speculative builder would hesitate to run up "neat villa residences" in deep holes. The owner frequently gets over this difficulty by allowing urban refuse to be shot into the excavation; in many cases he even exacts a small sum for every load tilted on his ground. The surface being thus leveled, a year or two are allowed for the soil to sink and become compact. Occasionally grass is sown to give a natural appearance to the spot.

All is now in readiness for the builder, who proceeds to lay the foundation for his "terraces," "avenues" and "gardens," which he subsequently advertises as "on gravel soil." So they are, but between their ground floors and the gravel lies a thick stratum of partially decomposed rubbish, teaming with malaria, and not for many years will the deposits cease to give off noxious gases.

But the tenant, coming from a different locality, knows nothing of the "making" process to which the plot has been subjected. When, therefore, ill health dogs his family, he puts it down to defective drainage or some other structural deficiency and spends money freely on remedial measures without the least benefit. All this misery might be prevented if it were legally prohibited to build human habitations on decomposed refuse until the soil had acquired a wholesome character.—London Globe.

How They Treated Washington.

As an example of the progress of medicine during the last century The Medical Record cites the case of Washington's last illness. He died of laryngeal diphtheria, and the treatment was, it would seem, for an old man sick with a disease, very exhausting to the vitality. It consisted in the abstraction of between two and three quarts of blood, the administration of about 20 grains of calomel and 6 grains of tartar emetic and an injection, with external application of blister. And yet so strong was Washington's constitution that he survived this treatment for 24 hours.

One Coming.

"Could you tell me the meaning of the word 'cataclysm?'" he asked of the street car passenger who was folding up his newspaper.

"Are you going to ride two or three blocks farther?" was queried in reply.

"Yes, sir."

"Then you'll see one. The conductor has carried that sharp nosed woman two streets past where she wanted to get off already, and she'll wake up soon and start a cataclysm that'll probably jump the car off the track!"—Washington Post.

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MORGAN'S RAIDERS.

THE FAMOUS ROUGH RIDING CAMPAIGN OF THE CIVIL WAR.

It Carried Panic and Confusion Into Ohio and Indiana, but Resulted In No Benefit Whatever to the Confederate Cause.

"Cavalry riding," said the major, "is exciting, but very exhausting business. Long distance raids in an enemy's country can be made only where there are a good many horses. John Morgan could never have made his raid through Indiana and Ohio in 1863 if the counties raided had not been well supplied with the best horses in the west. When he started from the Cumberland river, in east Tennessee, Morgan believed that he would sweep everything before him and that, if properly supported, he would capture Cincinnati.

"Morgan, with a well organized brigade of cavalry 4,000 strong, swept northward from the Cumberland river through Kentucky to the Ohio river at Brandenberg, 40 miles below Louisville. There he captured two steamboats, crossed the river, swept through southern Indiana, galloped around Cincinnati, not more than ten miles from the city, and then moved eastward, expecting to cross the Ohio river at Buffington, but was driven back, made another attempt at Wellsville, but was finally captured at New Lisbon.

"This was the most remarkable raid of the war. It carried panic and confusion into Ohio and Indiana, but in results it was of no benefit whatever to the Confederate cause. Morgan believed that there would be an uprising in the Confederate interest in Kentucky. There was not. He believed that the peace Democrats in Ohio would give him at least secret support, but when his men stole the horses of the peace Democrats the latter joined the ranks of Morgan's pursuers, and before the raid was half over the whole state was aroused, and men who had taken no interest in the war previous to that time shouldered their squirrel rifles to fight the raiders who were stealing their horses and carrying the horrors of war to their very doors.

"There was hard riding all the time for Morgan's men. They left behind them a wreckage of broken down horses. They kept ahead of their Union pursuers simply because they stole horses right and left and remounted the men, but they were finally captured, and that fall Ohio gave the war party the largest majority in the history of the state up to that time. In fact, the Morgan raid, by carrying the war into the peaceful districts of Indiana and Ohio, provoked a furious feeling of resentment, which influenced people for 20 years.

"The comedy of the raid was furnished by the people of the districts wholly unused to war, wholly unprepared for it and with exaggerated ideas of the ferocity of Morgan's men. For two weeks it was only necessary for some mischievous boy to shout, 'Morgan is coming!' in any village in central or southern Ohio to create a panic. I know that many of the raiders after Morgan got no rest night or day, slept in the saddle, and not a few of them fell off their horses in sleep. At the end of the raid they were as exhausted as Morgan's men, but with a more difficult task to perform they never received half the praise given to the raiders.

"I remember," continued the major, "one case in which a woman stabled her carriage horses in the parlor for two days to keep them out of Morgan's hands. I saw Morgan's men ride by that house and saw some of them stop to listen at the unusual sound of horses' feet on a carpeted floor, but the parlor horses were not disturbed. Some of our neighbors drove their horses, cattle and sheep 30 miles into the interior and were away from home a week. Morgan's men looted right and left, and some of them had bolts of calico strapped to their saddles when they were captured.

"Morgan, it must be remembered, made his whole raid with artillery and a wagon train, but he was not in Ohio to fight, and he demonstrated at once the ease with which a peaceful district may be invaded by a mobile column and at the same time the peril involved in such a venture. In a few days 50,000 militiamen were in the field against him. At first he played with these green soldiers, but at last they hung on his flanks, eager for fight as bulldogs. In the last days Hobson's men, who had followed Morgan for hundreds of miles through three states, closed in on their old enemies with a gleefulness that exceeded anything of the kind I ever saw in the army, and Judah's men, closing in on the other side, settled the fate of the raiders.

"Morgan's men knew by the maneuvering and the firing when they were faced by trained soldiers, and the first charge of the Union cavalry had in it the impetus of delayed vengeance. The Unionists who rode in that charge had old scores to settle, and Morgan's tired veterans were overwhelmed. After Morgan had escaped from the penitentiary at Columbus and had reorganized his command and was again raiding Kentucky hundreds of Union soldiers on their way home for discharge left their trains and joined in the pursuit simply to get a crack at the old raider, and Morgan knew when their rifles spoke that he was up against the real thing."

Just Like a Man.

"Oh, no; she's not at all what you would call a really feminine woman. She affects masculine ways."

"How?"

"Well, for instance, yesterday I saw her give a street car conductor a nickel when she had five pennies in her purse."—Chicago Post.

RAILROAD SPOTTERS.

THE SECRET SERVICE THAT ONE BIG SYSTEM MAINTAINS.

Members of It In Every Department From Yardmen Up—Curious Complications When Spotters Unknown to One Another Cross Lines.

"Probably the most perfect spotter system achieved by any private corporation," says S. H. Adams in Ainslee's, "is that of one of the big eastern railroads, which is to some extent modeled on the secret service system of some of the eastern governments, though by no means so complex.

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"While it also acts as a defense against thefts by employees, this system is intended primarily to prepare, so to speak, a diary of the disposition, character, working efficiency and sentiments toward the road of the men who constitute the vast human machinery of the corporation. The feeling which culminates in a general strike is not the result of one act alone, but a slow growth made up of many grievances, real or fancied.

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"Sometimes this works out the man's career in a manner quite incomprehensible to him. For instance, Night Watchman Brown is shifted without cause that he can fathom from one division to another. How should he know that rumors of trouble in that division have reached the presidential ear and that he himself, being down in the president's little book as a speaker of weight and a counselor of conservative methods, has been shifted over to act as unconscious agent in checking a dangerous tendency?

"Some of the admiring coworkers of the head of this system declare that in two minutes' reference to his collected funds of information he can unroll the family history of the woman who washes the windows of car No. 41144X and tell whether, in her estimation, he himself is an oppressor of the downtrodden or a perfect gentleman.

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"Several years ago at a time of general labor troubles a certain railroad got no less than five reports from its confidential men informing them that an employee who was several degrees higher in the secret service of the road than any of them, had they but known it, had been making incendiary speeches.

"This was true. Matters had so shaped themselves that the man accused had to appear as a radical in order to gain admittance to inner councils where the important questions would be finally decided. To the chagrin of the authorities they were obliged to transfer him. Had they not done so the suspicions of the men who make the reports would have been aroused. That spotters should know each other as such is held to be highly undesirable. There is always the chance that they might work in conjunction instead of acting as checks on each other."

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