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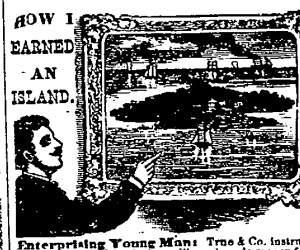

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THE AGE OF UNREST.

Fearful Wear and Tear of Social and Business Life in New York City.

A correspondent of The Boston Transcript says, respecting the people of the metropolis: "New York seems possessed by a spirit of unrest. Not only every hour, but every minute of one's time is taken up. The fashionable world is just as busy as the world of business, and I declare I think that it is the more exhausting work of the two. But the trouble is we want to combine the two. The girl who earns her bread by writing society notes strains every nerve to do as does the world that she reports. The broker's clerk who has to be at his desk by 9 in the morning dances until within a few hours of the time that he is due there.

The broker himself, too old to dance, spends his evenings in hotel corridors, where the money market is open till midnight and the "ticker" ticks till morning. Young women are not satisfied with one reception of an evening, but they go to a dinner, a theatre and wind up at a dance. One house in New York does not open its doors for dancing until all the others are closed. Many of the girls who dine and dance six nights out of the seven are interested in other things as well. They belong to church organizations, they belong to reading clubs, they are taking a course of scientific lectures, they attend pianoforte recitals and they have a round of calls to pay that alone should keep them busy.

A man who does not pretend to go very deeply into the social whirl said to me the other day, as he drew a memorandum from his pocket: "Here is a list of fifty-five calls that I have got to make before the end of the season. I am at my office until six, and am unusually busy with my work in the evenings until the end of the week, so that it is continually on my mind to know how I am going to reduce this list. I like my friends, and if they invite me to dine there is no good reason why I should not accept. That means a dinner call, of course, and so it goes." He is not like one young man whom I heard say: "If I accept their dinner invitations I do enough. They must not expect me to call." Strange to say this Chesterfield is always in demand. He is a good diner out, because he appreciates a good dinner, and he has a fund of just the sort of talk that makes him agreeable at table, so his hostesses pardon his rudeness and invite him again. But it is not every man who sets such a prize upon his society or who is willing to have it known if he does. The wear and tear of business life in New York cannot be described, and I am not surprised that insomnia is the besetting ill of so many men. Their brains are so active that they cannot sleep.

"A friend of mine who works like a Turk, and who has one of those restless American brains, told me not long ago that he didn't believe that he averaged four hours' sleep a night. That he frequently got up and went to his library and read through the small hours, hoping that would induce sleep, but it didn't. He says that he expects nothing else but that his wife will shoot him for a burglar some night. I don't see how people can sleep after they go to bed, even if they are sleepy—that is, if they have front rooms. Did you ever try to sleep in a front room in New York? If you haven't don't, as it is not worth the trial. I sleep at the back of the house, which is pretty quiet, I admit; but every night my bed is shaken and the globes rattle on the lamps as a fire engine thunders through the street. My brother has a front room, but he says that he is getting hardened to the noises—the fire engines pounding over the stones, the sharp rattling of the coupe wheels, the loud voices of belated politicians—(there is a political club across the street)—and the slam bang of the iron ash cans on the paving stones, mingled with the soft Italian oaths of the ashmen. For six years, when I lived in another part of the town, the head of my bed was within 75 feet of the elevated railway track, and there was a station just outside of my window.

"Perhaps you think that it was less noisy to have a station there than for the trains to go crashing by, but you are mistaken. The stopping and starting, the shrieking whistle and hissing steam, were nerve tearing beyond description; but I lived through it, and more than that, I slept through it. I do not, however, believe that my sleep was very restful, and I do know that I came very near breaking down, and probably would have done so but for a timely trip to Europe. Perhaps the elevated road was not wholly to blame, but after a hardworking, noisy, nerve reading day it did not have the effect of lulling me to sleep. Fifth avenue does not have the elevated road, but it has other noises almost as distracting, so that any one who has a bedroom on that fashionable thoroughfare must necessarily have a disturbed sleep. When I think of my room on a much traveled London street and another on the Rue di Rivoli in Paris, where the carriages chased each other in rapid succession all night long, and where I never heard a sound but the muffled beating of the horses' hoofs on the asphalt pavement, I couldn't but wish that we imported something besides the fashions of those two cities."

One Way of Grieving.

Scarcely any two people take a severe bereavement alike. Aside from the two general classifications of grieving noisily or calmly, there are innumerable subdivisions possible, through the wide range of personal characteristics. At a dancing party in a neighboring city not long ago a young woman visiting one of the guests appeared with her. She was a beautiful, stylish girl, and being a stranger naturally came in for much attention. Her gown was a very gay one, she danced incessantly and there was nothing in her demeanor to indicate that she was other than a jolly, pretty girl, greatly enjoying an evening of dancing. It transpired later, however, that she had buried her mother, to whom she was greatly devoted, barely a fortnight before, and apparently unable to accept the usual seclusion and somber garb went at once to visit a friend, took all her pretty gowns and avoided no gayeties. Those who knew her best knew that her grief was overwhelming, but she preferred to stifle it in this way.—New York Times.

In Paris, it is said, it is not customary for patients to wait in the antechamber of great physicians, but inquiry has to be made by letter. In some cases numbered tickets are given out at 6 in the morning. The physicians' servants do a thriving business selling sandwiches etc., to the waiting patients.

Primitive Shetland.

The old implements of labor and ancient costumes are yet common in some quarters. You will still find men clad in jackets and trousers, reaching a little below the knee, of roughly tanned sheep skins, the large blue bonnets of the Tam o' Shanter variety on their heads, and their feet encased in "rivlins," the "pampootas" of the half naked wretches of the Irish Arran islands, consisting of oblong patches of rawhide, tied over the feet with thongs. The hair is next the foot, and the sole and sides only are covered. The ancient "clivans" or fire tongs frequently weigh twenty pounds.

Grain is universally cut with the sickel, threshed with the flail, and winnowed by being tossed in the breeze. The old wooden harrow is common; crooked wooden plows are still seen; many households possess the "quern" or stone hand mill, as old as Aryan history; and little huts of water mills, where larger querns are whirled about by rude wheels against which water from little rills is shot horizontally, and where the grain is fed into the upper stone by hand, are numerous in the islands.—Shetland Cor. Boston Transcript.

The Kitchen of the Church.

The mission chapel has become a kitchen where the church does its sloppy work. Hundreds and thousands of churches in this country—gorgeously built and supported—that even on bright and sunshiny days are half full of worshipers, and yet they are building mission chapels, because by some expressed or implied regulation the great masses of the people are kept out of the main audience room. Now, I say that any place of worship which is appropriate for one class is appropriate for all classes. Let the rich and the poor meet together the Lord, the maker of them all.

Mind you, I say that mission chapels are a necessity, the way churches are now conducted; but may God speed the time when they shall cease to be a necessity. God will rise up and break down the gates of the churches that have kept back the masses. And woe be to those who stand in the way? They will be trampled under foot by the vast populations making a stampede for heaven.—T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., in Ladies' Home Journal.

Cause and Effect.

"I don't understand why I'm less clever than Charlie."

"Of course not. If you weren't less clever you would, understand."—Philadelphia Press.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS.

Plowing is still going on in this section.

The donation for Elder H. D. Clarke last week Wednesday evening netted about fifty dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. O'Donnell of Hornellsville were visiting relatives in town several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Warfield of Andover were guests of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Potter, several days last week.

Mr. Miles F. Livermore, who is attending the Hornellsville Business College, was at home on a short vacation last week.

It is reported that the whole family of Mr. Charles Mingus, his brother and a sister of his wife who are staying with them, are sick of the grip.

Mr. John McCarn of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is making an extended visit to his relatives in this section, is the guest of his niece, Mrs. Eva Livermore.

SOME GUMPTION.

ELM VALLEY NEWS.

The late wind and rain storm did much damage in this section. W. B. Crowner estimates his loss at $200.

Elder Vaughn is visiting friends in Jamestown.

Nathan Williams has removed his portable mill to Hartsville.

John Enwright has taken Perry Potter's farm (above Andover) to work on shares, and has moved onto the same.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Catlin of Andover visited friends in this place last week.

Frank Ward, who was removed from Riverside Sanitarium to Buffalo for treatment, has returned home somewhat improved in health.

'Dell Hann had one of his best horses nearly ruined on a wire fence.

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CORWIN HILL NEWS.

School commenced Monday. Wm. Pingrey is our teacher.

Mr. Gaven of Indian Creek, who recently bought a farm in this place of S. M. Austin, is soon to erect a dwelling house. Mr. Austin expects to move to Andover village, having rented his place on Indian Creek.

Miss Clara Bullard, who visited relatives in this place recently, returned to Wellsville last week.

F. McGraw has improved the looks of his house by giving it a new coat of paint. D. Bullard did the painting.

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GEO. A. GREEN, Clerk.