THE GRIM CHANCELLOR.

How Bismarck Ordered His Two Valets Shot.

"It is a constant surprise to me," said Dr. Emil Dorn, of Hoboken, to a Jersey City Journal reporter yesterday, "that so few anecdotes of Bismarck find their way into this country, because there is in America such a large German population which would eagerly welcome them. The mess rooms of Europe are full of these quaint stories about the Iron Chancellor, and whenever a party of officers come together almost invariably tales of the Franco-Prussian war, in which he figured, are the theme of discourse. Here, for example, is an incident which I have never seen printed in this country, and which I think will be of interest to many of your readers:

"It was a few days after the French had been driven out again from St. Johan-Saarbrucken, which they had taken and occupied for about twenty-four hours, when Bismarck came to that place and was lodged at the house of the great mine king, Herr Stumm.

"The French were not yet very far away, and the first counselor of the King of Prussia had every reason to take good care of his personal safety. Bismarck had worked very late, and when he went to bed at about 1 o'clock at night he gave distinct orders to the two valets he had taken with him from Berlin to watch and not let anybody enter his bed room. From the lower part of the town the rejoicing of the soldiery, which celebrated the first victory, could be heard, and it is quite intelligible that the two guards of Bismarck should feel the desire to have their share of the joy and the Moselle wine which flowed plentifully.

"As soon as they knew that the mighty man was snoring, they went off to the lower town, in spite of their master's order and the warnings of Herr Stumm. They were not gone very long when an orderly from headquarters, with a dispatch from the king for the Chancellor, came. Herr Stumm tried in vain to induce the orderly to wait for the return of the valets. The faithful soldier pushed Herr Stumm aside, knocked at the door and entered, without waiting for the call "come in." Bismarck was fast asleep, and all the hemming, coughing and calling the orderly did was useless. Determined at last, the warrior stepped to the large bed in which Bismarck lay, removed the curtain, grasped the shoulder of the snoring Chancellor and awakened him with a firm hand.

"Bismarck jumped up like an irritated lion. 'Who let you in here?' he cried, wild with rage. 'Let me in?' the warrior answered. 'Nobody let me in; there was no one who could have prevented my bringing to your excellency that dispatch here.' 'What! nobody there?' exclaimed the Chancellor violently. 'Where are those two scoundrels? my valets, I mean.' And when Herr Stumm, whom he had called in, told him that his valets had gone to the lower town to get some fresh air, he gave orders that they should be taken by a military watch, chained and shot before sunrise. Then he sent off the orderly, and in a few minutes was fast asleep again.

"When Bismarck, after a sound and healthy sleep, awoke next morning, his first act was to call 'Frederick,' and, as Frederick did not respond, he called 'Franz.' But when Franz also failed to appear, he rang the bell with all his might. Soon Herr Stumm entered the bed rooms. 'Say, Herr Stumm,' said Bismarck, addressing the latter, 'could you tell me where these lubbers (my valets, I mean) are? I am unable to dress myself.'

"'Your valets, excellency?' replied Herr Stumm. 'I guess they are in heaven by this time. Your excellency ordered them to be shot before sunrise. They were caught about 3 o'clock, and must be shot now, I reckon.'

"'No, Stumm,' said Bismarck, smiling. 'the Prussians don't shoot as quick as that—at least not at their own countrymen, and for a glass of Moselle. It is true, somebody else could have entered here. But those fellows are still young and inconsiderate, and may have thought me safe in your house. Do me the favor, send down to the watch, and let them fetch the two fellows.'

"Soon the valets came with long, frightened faces. Bismarck's anger had entirely disappeared, and he could not help laughing when he saw the sheepish looks of his valets. 'I will indeed have you shot the next time, you loafers,' he said, 'but now quick; I think we will have to depart soon.'

"That was the last of it, at least for them. But when in after years 'Old Iron' himself, in Varzin or Friedrichsruh, went on a little spree, which sometimes happened when he was visiting his neighbors, the princess would raise her forefinger and laughingly threaten him: 'Otto, I will have you chained and shot before sunrise the next time!' Then he laughed, too, promised never to do it again and always kept his word until—the next time."

ON DESTRUCTION ISLAND.

Thrilling Scenes Witnessed by a Lighthouse Keeper.

The keeper of the government lighthouse which was [illegible] few years ago [illegible] lead a lonely [illegible] experiences which [illegible] romantic and the adventurous [illegible] cover. The island itself is [illegible] a certain weird fascination. Thirty-five miles south of Cape Flattery it rises abruptly from the face of the ocean.

It has a picturesque, though wild and rugged beauty, and as it stands facing the northern blasts that have sent more than one stout ship to the bottom, it calls up the name of Isla de Dolores, which the early Spanish navigator Quadra gave it to commemorate his misfortunes, and the later name of Destruction Island, given it in 1787 by Captain Berkely on account of the sad fate of several of his crew who were murdered on its savage coast. On wild and stormy nights, when the wind is whirling the sea into foam against the beetling edges of the island, the scene passes the merely beautiful and becomes majestic and sublime.

On such nights the keeper has visitors that do not come to the door of the ordinary landlubber. Flocks of wild fowl, attracted by the bright light, fly blindly toward it, and with the force of the wind added to that of their own stout wings, they are driven against the lens with a momentum that sometimes shatters the thick glass, but oftener results merely in instant death to themselves. Sometimes there is a positive volume of birds against the face of the light, and as many as a dozen have been known to strike it simultaneously. After a stormy night it is not uncommon for the keeper to pick up at the base of the tower as many as twenty-five dead birds. Many of these are of the choicest kind, and the keeper's table seldom lacks a supply such as an epicure might crave.

During the day the keeper is frequently greeted by the thrilling sight of a whale hunt by Indians in the neighboring waters, a chase as hazardous and exciting as any on mountain or plain. Each canoe goes out with a crew of six oarsmen, one spearman in the bow, and the captain or helmsman in the stern. To the end of the spear an air-tight sealskin, inflated like a bladder, is attached by a line fifty feet long. A dozen of these boats go out together when a whale is sighted. Stealthily a single boat moves out from the little fleet and approaches the big game, the oarsmen stoical and calm, the spearsman erect, rigid, statuesque. It is a moment of grave peril.

A splashing oar, a sudden move, a wavering hand or shot head at the helm, and boat and crew would go down beneath a single stroke from the great monster now so near. At precisely the right instant the spearsman hurls his spear with unerring aim, and the battle begins. And then one standing on the island cliff sees the little boat dart away, and the whale fiercely churning the water. The other boat comes up rapidly. Weakened by loss of blood, retarded by the air-tight skins that float on the water, and worn out by turning hither and thither in whimsical pursuit of his many foes, the whale slowly gives over the unequal contest, and is towed at last, like the great hulk of a merchantman, to Neah Bay, where the Indians gather for a great feast.

How the Chinese Count Time.

The Chinese sun-dial embodied the usual principle, but was crude indeed. A rod or needle set upright reflected a shadow on a flat surface as the sun moved. On this were characters indicating the hours of the day. The Chinese also used a water clock, called the clepsydra. It was a dish of copper or other material, with an extremely small aperture, from which the water trickled, drop by drop. The clepsydra of Canton is thus described by a traveler: "It is a vase of copper; it is situated in a pavilion built on a double arch that crosses a street leading from the great South gate of the city to the palace of the treasurer of the province. Like that which existed, and perhaps exists still, in the Pekin observatory, it is composed of four copper vases, whence water runs from one to another by little tubes fixed at the base. The vase that rests on the floor has on its wooden cover a kind of handle, crossed by a rule mounted on a float, and covered with characters representing the hours. When the water has run out, that is, in the morning or evening, it is poured again into the uppermost vase. There is a little brick staircase by which the attendant ascends. In the temples there are attendants whose business it is to hang up a placard, with a white ground, on which is indicated the hour. They strike the hours of the day on a drum, and at night they beat a gong. The attendants who thus look over, Governor Hoyt, seeing Mr. Linafter the flight of time occupy the incense, on which are marked the hours. These are sticks so arranged as to burn a certain length of time for every hour, and these are used by peasants and others. The stick is lighted when the gong sounds, and in this way the private individual can keep very tolerable account of the hours as they pass."

Odds and Ends.

About twenty-two thousand vehicles pass over London Bridge every day.

About 300,000 pounds of soap are used in this country yearly.

The bogs of Ireland cover 2,800,000 acres.

A NEW WITNESS.

HEAPING UP THE EVIDENCE—PROOF UPON PROOF.

A West Troy Man's Testimony Added to that of Thousands of Others in Favor of the Wonderful Efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

From the Times, Troy, N. Y.

The effectiveness of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills has been recognized in thousands of instances in recent years and testimonials have been received from every quarter of the globe, praising in the highest terms this wonderful remedy, which has been of such incalculable benefit to mankind.

On a recent morning an instance in which the pills had accomplished an admirable work was brought to the attention of a *Times* reporter, who started at once to ascertain the authenticity of the report.

It was in the village of West Troy, New York, that the object of the search resided, and soon after crossing the pretty Hudson the reporter was successful in locating his man, Lewis Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson was found at his work in the large box shop of Harrington & Co., where he is engaged as foreman. He greeted the scribe pleasantly and in conversation Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were spoken of, whereupon Mr. Ferguson's face brightened and he began to tell of the good the pills had done for him.

Mr. Ferguson said: "About two years ago I had an attack of facial paralysis and my left side was affected. I heard of the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and decided to try them. I think that perhaps I used half a dozen boxes. The pills accomplished wonderful improvement in my condition, and I am now practically free from the effects of the paralytic stroke. I think the pills will do all that is claimed for them.

"I will vouch for the pills at any time," continued Mr. Ferguson, "and I am perfectly willing that you should publish anything I have said."

The speaker, who talked with such earnestness concerning Dr. Williams' remedy, is well-known in West Troy, where for twenty-eight years he has been connected with the lumber business.

The sale of the pills in this vicinity has been very large, and their properties of having all the elements essential to give new life and richness to the blood and restore impaired nerve, have been the subject of more than frequent comment.

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The Magna Charta, or great charter, of English liberties is still preserved in the British Museum. The impress of the seal and King John's name are both very distinct.

NEW CLASS OF SWINDLERS.

Some People Injure Themselves to Collect Insurance.

According to the accident insurance companies, they are always in danger of being victimized by swindlers.

A bank cashier in a little village paid a visit to a saw mill and had one hand sawed off. His actions were suspicious, and the five companies in which he was insured refused to pay him the $2,500 which was due from each company for such an accident. The circumstances made it impossible for the cashier to deceive the insurance men, and he finally confessed his attempted fraud.

A man in Iowa made a claim for being shot in the arm by a footpad. A detective looked into the case and found that the man was shot on the inner side of the arm and the powder burn was easily seen. The bullets fitted the cartridges of his own revolver which he carried that night. When he found that he was under suspicion he withdrew his claim.

A man carrying heavy insurance lay down near the railway track and stuck one foot under a moving freight car. The foot was badly crushed, but it was not paid for because a boy came forward and testified that he had seen the man deliberately put his foot under the car wheel.

In Chicago last summer a heavily insured man tried the same game and lost a leg. At last accounts his policies had not been paid.

Some singular claims are made in good faith. A man asked for compensation because an open window in a sleeping car had made him sick. A person who suffered from blood poisoning caused by the lighted head of a parlor match which had adhered to his thumb secured damages. A window pane in Hartford fell into the street, nearly cutting off the leg of a pedestrian. The victim was paid by the company in which he held a policy. Another man who secured damages from an accident company was a countryman who lost his skin by sleeping all night with a sheet soaked in kerosene wrapped around him. He asked for $100 and got it.

These instances collected at random show that the accident companies have a hard road to travel. They have to be on the watch for swindlers all the time.

Color of Antarctic Birds.

It was remarkable to see how the plumage of the birds gradually changed into lighter and lighter colors as we drew southward, altering with the colors of the surroundings. Whether the birds, like the polar hare, also changed their color with the seasons, I had not an opportunity to notice; but it is clear that within the Antarctic Circle also Mother Nature takes care of all her children, and protects the defenseless from the eye of their larger enemies by giving them an invisible clothing. It was thus almost impossible to discover the magnificent white petrel when it was on the dazzling snow. It was likewise difficult to discover the white seal when it stretched itself on the ice-floes.

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Shake it off

The general belief among doctors is that consumption itself is very rarely inherited. But the belief is becoming stronger that the tendency to consumption is very generally transmitted from parent to child. If there has been consumption in the family, each member should take special care to prepare the system against it. Live out doors; keep the body well nourished; and treat the first indication of failing health.

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