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But is it the American village that most betrays the ignorance of our civilization, a civilization that perpetually overreaches itself, only to be obliged to surrender again and again to nature everything it has gained? How many thousands of villages frost-bitten, palsied, full of morbid, bloodless death-like villages that have lost if they ever possessed, the secret of self-preservation. The senator across the continent! Even in California I used to find them on long cross-country walks, villages often found in a little hut of mud and stone, in a state of essential decay. Communities that have come into being on the flood line of an enterprise too rapidly worked out, that they signify some lost cause of a material kind that has left humanity high and dry. Like the neutral areas in an old painting where the colors, incompatibly mixed and of perishable quality, have evaporated with time.—Seven Arts.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

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Adams, F. A.
Adams, C.
Edwards, George
Hackett, Guy
Maynard, Mrs. J. K.
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Merrill, Maybelle
Nash, John
Palma, M. and Mrs. Francis
1 letter to Richard Schriempf from R. F. D. No. 4, Birmingham.
Teske, Arthur, R. F. D. No. 3
Turner, S. care of Richard Wolf
Wilson George D.
Walters, Henry L.

POST CARDS
Clemens, Daniel
Brooks, Miss Doris
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Helberg, Miss Hazel
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To Protect Eyes at Movies.

In order to protect the eyes of those who frequently attend movie shows, a special form of spectacles has been devised, says the August Popular Mechanics Magazine in an illustrated article. It consists of a pair of opaque disks mounted in regular spectacle frames, each disk having a narrow slit or opening through which the swarmer peers at the pictures, while most of the eye is covered by the disk. The principle is that an odd method of testing the eyes for astigmatism, called the "stereoscopic" method, which consisted in trying the patient's vision with spectacles having opaque plates and small central slits somewhat like those of the new protective movie device.

Loved and Lost

By A. G. Sherwin

"Free!"

"It was an ecstatic word to utter, and under conditions that thrilled the soul of a forlorn refugee, who for the first moment in seventy-two hours felt that he had crossed the boundary line of imprisonment and misery."

Plainly, Richard Dale was an escaped convict. As he skulked in and out among lines of freight cars at a railway junction center, he still wore the striped garb of the penitentiary. Looking back, he broke from a gang working in a quarry outside of the penitentiary walls, his dodging of shots from the prison guards, his leap through the open doorway of a moving freight car seemed like parts of some vivid movie set of scenes.

In a dark corner of the car only half loaded he had covered. The train was not searched. Finally it halted alongside a storage warehouse. Here some additional freight was loaded into the car. Then its doors were doubly locked and the train began a long, steady journey.

"A stowaway, and safe," soliloquized Richard Dale, alias Convict 5287, and there was a thrill of immense relief.



Glanced Up and Down.

and only half-suppressed exultation in his tones. "After all the years I have earned it—freedom!"

Yes, by every rule of right and equity this unfortunate aton on the scrap heap of rejected humanity was entitled to his liberty. He had been amazed, stupefied eight years previous, to awake from a night of revelry to find himself the scapegoat of a band of criminals he had never suspected. He had been sentenced to prison for 15 years. Friends, he presumed, he had dutifully accepted his fate. His present life had been uneventful; he did not know of a living relative in the world. Luckily, his estimate was a gifted and intelligent man—true, forgetful, but making his sentence bearable by reading whenever he had time from the library books of the institution.

So, to Richard Dale, engrossed in the delights of acquiring knowledge, the prison rot and degradation never troubled his normally simple and honest nature. He was a model prisoner, until that day near the quarry the circling birds overhead seemed to warble to him from the joys of unimpeded liberty—the waving trees and nodding flowers appeared to beckon to him to join the fearless, flaming votaries of nature, pulsating with unshackled glory.

For three days Richard Dale was a close prisoner in the freight car. The main doors were sealed, iron-studded timber, the small windows at one end barred. Hunger and thirst came to him and he spent hours striving to get apart the bars. It was vain. Then he made a rapacious discovery. He chanced to open a case among the many stored in the car. It contained six bottles of ginger beer. He was scarcely there to help himself, under the circumstances. A second case he found to contain packages of a breakfast cereal. He feasted like a prince.

How far he had gone, what distant point he had reached, Richard Dale did not know, when, one dark night, the train arrived at its terminus. He could trace the breaking up of the train. The car he was in was switched

IS MONARCH'S OFFICIAL HOME

Old Usage Accounts for Ambassadors Being Accredited to the Court of St. James.

The British court is known as the Court of St. James because the official residence of the king of England was at St. James' palace from the reign of William III to the year 1837, in the reign of Victoria. In that year the queen and all the rest of the royal family moved to Buckingham palace, so far concerns banquets and bigging more physical facts. In theory the court still resides at the squat and ugly edifice of St. James, and leaves and drawing rooms continue to be held there in support of the legal fiction. The name of St. James appears in connection with the present office because historical for letters has occupied the site before 1190 under dedication to St. James the Less. In 1322 Henry VIII built over the property from its monastic possessors, destroyed the buildings and erected the palace, of which Hans Holbein is said to have been the designer. While

alongside a freight shed. The side door was opened and lighted in.

Dale crouched in a far corner of the car, fearing discovery, but it did not come. He heard some orders given, and the two freight handlers that he constructed, moved down a long platform after a truck. Dale clambered over the heaps of freight, glanced up and down the dimly lighted platforms, made a run of it, dropped over the edge of a plankway and darted across a vacant space—free.

He was still in his prison uniform, and knew that safety lay only in getting away and evading the haunts of men, at least until he could secure new apparel. He enjoyably drank in great inspiring drafts of the sweet, balmy air as he struck a deserted country road. He must have gone as far as twenty miles, before utter weariness impelled him to enter a half-open barn behind a small, dilapidated cottage. He climbed to its loft and the newly cut hay was to him a bed more inviting than the downiest couch.

It was bare daylight when Dale awoke. The first objects that attracted his attention were some rough farm working clothes hanging over a rafter, doubtless belonging to the owner of the place.

"What luck!" he breathed. "Oh, I can face the world now," and rolling his rejected convict garb in a bundle, intent on slinking it out of evidence in the first point he came to, Dale descended to the ground floor of the barn and stepped into the sunlight.

"Who are you?"—clear and definite the challenge halted him as would a shot. A fair, earnest-faced girl, a rake in her hand, confronted him. She stared a while, and, as he shrunk back, she added keenly:

"And what are you doing with my father's working clothes?"

"I don't know," he said brokenly, spreading the striped curls. "Lady, on the verge of a new life, I ask you to believe that I shall make it a worthy one unless you hinder."

She understood. For a moment she reflected. Then she said:

"You are welcome to the clothes, and as the only ruler of the house I shall be the only keeper of your secret. We are poor, but you can have the clothes as a free gift and you shall share my breakfast, and then God speed you on a safe journey."

One year later a new Richard Dale approached the old cottage at dusk. He was well dressed, erect, manly in form and features. All through a year he had shared with a clay worker with a large family, one hundred miles away, work that was fairly remunerative and had not cost money. All that time, day and night, a single thought, the memory of one face, had filled his mind—the girl who had befriended him.

Dale gazed to an open window. Within he saw the girl of his dreams, her aged father, a young man, whom he soon knew to be the lover of the girl he loved as no other being on earth.

She was lost to him. He hooked his head in both. Then he listened to learn that the marriage of the loving twain was hindered because of a small mortgage on the place. He reached for his hat and pocketed over three hundred dollars, the savings of a year, gave it a studied fling squarely into the lap of the astounded girl, and ran.

It was a dreary place, the clay yards to which Richard Dale returned. The half-formed hopes of love had been crushed, yet his heart underwent a face, as two days later, he resumed his monotonous toil.

He had longed happiness to the girl who had been his friend. He had content. Only, for long after that a certain sadness would come into his eyes as, in handling a lump of clay, unconsciously he would model the feature of a comely face, suggesting the cherished being he had loved and lost.

"Safety Clothing" for Workers.

The insurance companies which sign blanket policies for employers' liability to his workers hold that most of the accidents for which they have to pay compensation are caused by the clothing of the workman catching in some revolving gear or wheel. Some projecting fold or slackness in the clothing catches first and an arm or a leg is drawn after it. At the instance of these companies so called "safety clothing" is being designed to minimize this danger. Not only are all unnecessary folds removed, but necessary aprons, sleeves, etc. are being made so that if caught in the machinery they tear apart, instead of dragging the wearer after them. This result is achieved by using snap fastenings instead of sewing the parts of the garments together.

The Reason.

Teacher—Many of the presidents were lawyers, but George Washington was a farmer. How true that is!

Pupil—I suppose it was because he couldn't tell a lie.

little of the old Tudor palace survived the fire in the burning piece in the presence chamber displays the initials H. A. as a reminder that at the time it was constructed Anne Boleyn was queen.

American Books in Russia.

The single American book most widely read in Russia is "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Some of the best works were translated for the Muscovite public, and the Russian boys have been thrilled by the doings of Leatherstocking and Uncle Mark Twain is quite popular before the Niemen and the Borsina. All in all, it seems that Russians know more American books than Americans know Russian books.

Ben Franklin's audience was the world, so it does not surprise one to learn from a Russian critic that the best American book translated into Russian was the product of Poor Richard's pen. That was 13 years after he died.

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