

SATURDAY.....MAY 27, 1882

WHILE the trial of those connected with the burning of the Ring Theatre in Vienna has been progressing and every German has been interested in the developments of it, another theatre—the Court Theatre at Schwerin—has been destroyed by fire. The theatre was crowded, and among those present was the Grand Duke himself. The fire was discovered by the property man, who reported it to the stage manager. The latter at once announced it to the audience, with the request that the house be cleared without delay. The iron curtain was lowered and the Grand Duke hastened to the front of his box to arrest a stampede that threatened to be another horror in the history of the stage. Attracting attention in a loud, clear and commanding voice, he addressed the audience to the following effect: "There is no immediate danger, nor any need for haste. I shall remain where you see me until every man, woman and child present shall be safe out of the house. I command all officers and soldiers of my army corps to keep their seats until the general public shall have effected its exit." The brave words of the ruler restored quiet, his requests and orders were obeyed; the civilians left the building without noise, confusion or casualty; in fifteen minutes the theatre was empty, and shortly after was burned to ruins. Successful examples of self-possession like this are worth remembering in similar possible cases of danger.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Dr. Stemen of Fort Wayne, formerly a Methodist minister, preached last Sunday evening, and thought that he discovered his bitter enemy, Dr. Swearinger, making faces at him. He walked down the aisle and offered to thrash him at once. Swearinger retaliated by having Stemen arrested on a charge of an unprovoked assault. When they met in the Justice's office Stemen put in three stinging blows on his adversary's face, which drew blood, and the case was adjourned.

A cargo of oranges arrived in San Francisco last week from Tahiti which was reported to be infested with scale insects. Horticultural Inspector Cooke had them disinfected. The species of scale insect with which this cargo of oranges was infested is probably the *Mytilaspis* (*Aspidiotus*) *olive* neri, named by Professor Packard after Towns, secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Wm. H. Ashmead, in his work, "Injurious and Beneficial Insects found on the orange trees of Florida," writes of this species of scale insects. "In the year 1855 (date given me) it was first brought into this country on some orange trees imported from China—first making its appearance in the grove of Dr. Robinson, at Mandarin, a small town on the St. Johns river, about twelve miles from Jacksonville. In a few years it had spread to the groves throughout Florida, carrying devastation and ruin everywhere it went. So great was the damage that orange groves became discouraged, and orange culture was nearly annihilated. Many groves that had been yielding handsome incomes were totally destroyed." Mr. Brown in his "Trees of America," writing of this species, says, "Most of the cultivated oranges in Florida have already been injured by them; their tips and branches being mostly destroyed. Their roots and stems, it is true, remain alive, and annually send forth a crop of young shoots, only to share the fate of their predecessors." For the protection of the citrus growers of this State it is important that a strict inspection be made of all shipments of citrus fruits, etc., arriving from foreign countries, to prevent, if possible, the importation of this and other insect pests. Mr. Cooke says that parties who have bought oranges, to arrive, have agreed in case the oranges or lemons are infested that they will cheerfully comply with the requirements of the quarantine laws.

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[New York Times]

The articles that are thrown out of the mail bags have a value, but it is inconsequential in comparison with that of the broken letters and packages that frequently come to light when a registered pouch is dumped out on the sorting table. That much of the money shipped in registered letters reaches its destination is due rather to the care exercised by the employees of the postoffice than to that shown by shippers. Gold and silver coin, often in large quantities, is carelessly inclosed in no safer wrapper than a common business envelope. Unless these envelopes are handled with the utmost care they are liable to be torn or broken open by the weight of the coin striking against the thin, creased edges of the envelopes, even before they are ready to be started toward their destination. Sometimes a dozen or more envelopes containing coin are placed together in one of the special envelopes provided by the department for this purpose, and by the time these have made the trip, say from San Francisco to this city, the coin has worked its way through both the original envelope—and that furnished by the Government—and is found on arrival here loose in the bottom of the pouch. Hardly a day passes but there is dumped on the sorting table of the postoffice here from a registered pouch a shower of gold and silver coin which has in this way cut through the packages in which it was enclosed and lodged in the bottom of the pouch. It is not coin alone that finds its way out of insecure packages into the mass of material contained in the pouch. Yesterday morning, when the contents of one of these pouches was dumped, there fell out, without inclosure, and with no protection but a small rubber band, a package of coupons destined for one of the large banking houses in the city whose aggregate value was \$30,000. In the poorly made envelope which had originally contained the coupons, and which had been broken open while in process of transmission, was also found \$10,000 in greenbacks. As the coupons were negotiable, it speaks well for the honesty of the registry department clerks that when the count of the coupons was completed it tallied exactly with the forwarded invoice of the firm. A singular thing about the carelessly shipped package was that when the firm to whom it had been forwarded were notified of the arrival and breakage of the package, they only asked the postoffice authorities to account for the \$30,000 coupons, and knew nothing whatever of the \$10,000 in greenbacks which came with them. It was but a short time ago that a pouch when emptied on the sorting table, brought to light several million dollars' worth of bonds that had been shipped from the other side of the water in such an insecure package that it had been broken open. One pouch that was emptied in the office in this city a short time ago, let fall on the sorting table \$3,000,000 of the bonds of the New York Central Railroad Company which were in process of shipment, and had been placed in an insecure wrapper. Almost innumerable instances where the coin and greenbacks or negotiable bills, checks and drafts that are dumped without wrappers upon the tables aggregated thousands of dollars. The average number of broken packages received in this city daily in the registry department of the postoffice is sixty, and the value in money contained in them is from two dollars upward. A singular fact in relation to these broken envelopes is that many of them contain remittances of daily balances from postmasters to the Assistant United States Treasurer—the last persons, one would naturally think, who would be careless in the manner of inclosing money for transmission through the mails.

A White wash that will stick and wash.

We find in a German paper a formula for a wash which can be applied to lime walls and afterward become waterproof so as to bear washing. Resensack, of Munich, mixes together the powder from 3 parts silicious rock (quartz), 3 parts broken marble and sandstone, also 2 parts of burned porcelain clay, with 2 parts freshly slaked lime, still warm. In this way a wash is made which forms a silicate if often wetted, and becomes after a time almost like stone. The four constituents mixed together give the ground color to which any pigment that can be used with lime is added. It is applied quite thickly to the wall, or other surface, let dry one day, and the next day frequently covered with water, which makes it waterproof.

This wash can be cleaned with water without losing any of its color; on the contrary, each time it gets harder, so that it can even be brushed, while its porosity makes it look soft. The wash or calcimine can be used for ordinary purposes as well as for the finest painting. A so-called fresco surface can be prepared with it in the dry way.

Alfalfa Bloat.

A Pajaro man, in Santa Cruz county, went home the other day and found his cow puffed up like an angry hop-toad. Several remedies had been tried on the cow before the arrival of the owner, but to no good purpose. Her speedy death was prophesied, and would no doubt have taken place had not her owner cast his eye upon a 4-inch rubber hose. He grasped that hose, smoothed and greased the end of it, pushed it down the cow's throat as far as her first stomach, and the bloated cow immediately collapsed to her natural size. The bloat gas escaped through the hose, and the cow escaped death. The man's name is Easterday. Let him be remembered as a byline benefactor.

An official report upon the number of wild beasts killed in Algeria during 1880 has just been published by the Government of that colony. There has been a constant diminution in the number of those animals, who have mostly retreated southward since the country has been colonized by the French. However, in the year mentioned there were killed in the province of Constantine 15 lions, 72 panthers, and 12 hyenas; in Alger, 1 lion, 22 panthers, and 63 hyenas; in Oran, 18 panthers and 66 hyenas. There were besides 2,900 jackals killed in the three provinces.

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