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### THE FATHER DAMIEN FUND.

There is something singular about the English fund in aid of Father Damien, of Molokai. A short time ago the ADVERTISER announced that \$1,000 had been subscribed in England for the relief and comfort of this self-martyred disciple of Christ, at the same time suggesting a doubt as to whether it had been received. We made this suggestion because no mention of the receipt of the money or its application had been made, as is usual in all cases of public contribution to a personal or charitable object. The reason is obvious: such public mention is evidence to the subscribers that the money has been properly applied.

We now find that we did an injustice by this suggestion. The money was received before January 20, 1887, and the bulk of it was expended almost immediately after the arrival of the draft. At least that is what Father Damien himself says in his letter which appeared in the London "Times." And just here the puzzle begins. Our well-informed London correspondent makes the point squarely when he says: "Considering the large amount of money annually expended on the leper settlement of Molokai by the Hawaiian Government, some surprise was caused by the publication in the 'Times' of March 12th, of the following letter from Father Damien."

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them with warm and comfortable bed-clothes and garments. Our own opinion is that the Legislature made a very liberal provision for the lepers, more especially as the inmates of the leper colony are fast dying off and no new cases are being sent there. The public, however, want to know all about this Father Damien fund expenditure, and the necessity thereof. Let us have all the facts without reserve or diminution, and then a correct judgment may be formed regarding them.

### ENGLISH JOTTINGS.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

LONDON, March 21st.

It was with very great sorrow that all those connected with the Islands heard of the unexpected death of the lamented Princess Likelike. The record of her many virtues was long since known in England by those who had never been in Honolulu. A stupid, sensational paragraph regarding the death of Her Royal Highness, was telegraphed from New York, and appeared in the "Times" of the 4th March. It was contradicted by request the day following. On the 12th March the "Standard" published a letter from Mr. Theo. H. Davies in reference to the same subject. Speaking of the late Princess Likelike, he says: "This lady has been all her life associated with the Foreign Society of Honolulu, and a most zealous member of the English Church there. Her husband is a Scottish gentleman, and together they have received at their beautiful home all travellers of distinction who have visited Honolulu. English tourists and naval officers have constantly been recipients of their graceful hospitality, and many will read with amazement this report of one who was as little likely to be influenced by heathen superstition as almost any of your readers. For a friendly account of Princess Likelike from one who knew her well, permit me to refer to Lady Brassey's Voyage in the Sunbeam. And may I beg that, as an old friend of the deceased Princess and of her husband, who is a friend of every friend of Hawaii and of England, I may be allowed the privilege of publishing in your columns this protest against what can be nothing but the gossip of some thoughtless letter writer."

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gations, as well as a vast concourse of legal, military, naval and church dignitaries.

Lady Hayter, the "Liberal" hostess, and Lady Stanhope, the "Conservative" hostess, have both opened their salons during the month for "party" functions.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts gave a large party on March 10th. The floral display was particularly noticeable. The house is not large, but is filled with the rarest curios and china and the most charming pictures. About 500 invitations were issued. Amongst the guests were the Duchess of Marlborough, Mrs. Stanfield, Sir Francis and Lady Alston, Hon. Kenneth Howard, the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Sidney Hoffmann, Secretary of the Hawaiian Legation; M. de la Chausse and many others.

The same evening the Princess of Wales gave a large ball for children at Marlborough House, to celebrate the 21th anniversary of their wedding. Next year this popular Royal pair will celebrate their silver wedding, and there is no doubt that the presents and rejoicings on that occasion will equal, if they do not altogether excel, anything that is at all likely to be seen at the more public ceremonial of the Queen's jubilee. The Prince of Wales' popularity extends far beyond British dominions, whilst the Princess is looked upon as the best of princesses, the most noble and charming of women.

The English Royal Family, and more especially the Prince of Wales, is noted for its wonderful recollection of faces once seen. An evidence of this was noticeable at the last levee. Colonel George Macfarlane was presented to the Prince by the Hawaiian Charge d'Affaires. The Prince recognized him at once, and shook him cordially by the hand. It is nearly six years since Colonel Macfarlane was privately presented to the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House, at the time of the King's visit to London.

The Pope celebrates the jubilee of his entering into Holy Orders this year. The offerings which the Holy Father will receive on the occasion of his Sacrodotial Jubilee will, the "Tablet" says, be the most varied and costly kind, and from all lands. The Sultan has already forwarded by the Armenian Patriarch, Peter Antony X., his superb gift of a ring in brilliants, estimated at a value of over \$4,000. The Empress of China and the Queen Regent of Spain will also send presents of a splendid character. The Emperor William is having a piece of rich jewelry made at Berlin for a like purpose. It has already been stated that Queen Victoria's gift will take the form of a sumptuously bound copy of the "Vulgate." President Grey, notwithstanding his recent offerings, will, according to the semi-official French papers, send another splendid Sovereign's present. At quite another end of the world and of the social scale, Padre Antonio Ricciardi, one of Don Bosco's missionaries in Patagonia, writes from Darnen that the various Indian tribes of the Rio Negro are engaged in preparing several objects of native make and use as their offerings to the Sovereign Pontiff, and these curious articles are destined to figure in the forthcoming Vatican exhibition side by side with the princely gifts of Eastern and Western potentates.

The Emperor of Germany celebrates his nineteenth birthday on the 22d instant. A vast concourse of royalties, including the King and Queen of Rumania, the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince of Austria, have already gone to Berlin to personally congratulate the venerable monarch.

The series of articles on the Great Powers in the "Fortnightly Review" still continues. This month "Russia" is treated with a very rare knowledge of the subject. Boingbrooke, says Sir Edward Creasy in his "Great Battles of the World," stated that Russia was a country, the knowledge of whose position was not essential to an English statesman, yet but a minute, as it were, in the life of a nation, has passed and Russia appears as one of the mightiest of the Great Powers of the World. The writer examines minutely the military power of Russia; the causes of the antagonism between England and Russia. He points to the probable scene of war between these two nations and its ultimate consequences.

A very good story is going the rounds of the London clubs. At a large dinner party a question of heiresses arose—and on an Irish heiress in particular. "She has no conversation at all," said one lady. "She talks of nothing but her dress," remarked another. "Yes," added an elderly gentleman, "I wonder what she would be like without her dress?"

### Tonight's Lecture.

Mrs. Florence Williams will deliver her lecture entitled, "The Man, William Shakespeare," at the rooms of the Library and Reading Room Association this evening at 8 o'clock. A Nevada paper, in noticing a lecture by this talented lady, says: "In introducing her, Mr. Young, in terms eulogistic, referred to her father, the novelist and historian of England. Mentioned him as a most prolific writer, the author of 189 volumes, as an author who at one time was the most abused, still the most read of all English writers; as a great favorite with William IV., occupying under him several important official positions; referred to him as the personal friend of Sir Archibald Alison, Leigh Hunt and Washington Irving. These, history says, were the associates of her father's family. Commingling with such literary geniuses, the daughter had acquired a literary taste added to what she had inherited and acquired by dint of hard study and extensive travel in this and foreign countries. These being her opportunities, the speaker was well qualified to lead even the most literary into still more interesting fields of either ancient or modern literature. Mrs. Williams commenced her address and continued without manuscript, and spoke in an easy, off-hand conversational way that at once won the favor of the audience. Some of the prominent points of the lecture were made so conspicuous and so clear that none could ever forget them. Throughout she was listened to with marked attention, and each one present felt the better for having heard her."

The "Honolulu Almanac and Directory" for 1887 is now on sale at J. H. Soper's news depot and this office. Price, 50 cents.

### THE MICHELS CASE.

The Plaintiff Non-Suited and the Jury Discharged.

The case of Charles Michiels vs. Hartford Insurance Company, which has been on trial in the Supreme Court the past two days came to a termination yesterday, the plaintiff being non-suited. The case arose out of the fire in plaintiff's store on August 4, 1886, which damaged the stock. He claimed \$10,000 the full amount of the insurance on stock. The claim was contested by Mr. C. O. Berger, agent for the Hartford Company. The following jury was empaneled: W. W. Hall, E. Marshall, M. Green, E. R. Hendry, H. J. Agnew, George Stratemeyer, H. Lewis, C. J. McCarthy, Major Hills, A. M. Mellis, H. A. Parmelee and E. L. Marshall.

On Wednesday, after the evidence was all in for plaintiff, Mr. F. M. Hatch, of counsel for the defendant, moved that the plaintiff be non-suited on account of the showing that the insured property had been transferred without the consent of the insurance company, the policy of the Hartford Insurance Co. expressly stipulating that any transfer or assignment by the insured without consent of the company made the policy null and void. In support of his motion the attorney quoted several authorities.

Mr. Charles Creighton contested the motion on behalf of the plaintiff, arguing that the transfers meant in the policies must be actual and recorded transfers, whereas the one made by Michiels was but temporary and not in any way such as would tend to invalidate the insurance. The weight of authorities was against the motion, and counsel quoted in support from 2 Pickering, p. 249, Howard's Practice Reports, volumes 2-7, pp. 341-278; 12 Allen's Report, p. 381, and others.

Mr. W. A. Whiting also supported the position taken by Mr. Creighton.

His Honor Justice McCully yesterday morning gave the following decision on the motion for a non-suit:

The question argued and submitted to the Court is, whether a non-suit should be sustained on account of an assignment of the property having been made, by a bill of sale given to Mr. Whiting and the policy (of insurance) thereby rendered void. As against the prima facie conclusion that a forfeiture has been made by a change of title, the counsel for the plaintiff adduce authorities to the effect that where an insurable interest remains in the insured he may recover although he may not have mortgaged his entire interest, or even have assigned it in trust or conditionally.

His Honor quoted several authorities, therefore, but said these cases did not cite the clauses in the policy, or any clause corresponding in terms on import with those which are expressed in the policy in the present case. An argument based upon the general principle that the company is liable so long as an insurable interest or an equitable interest remains in the insurer, would not apply to the case of a contract including express provisions for forfeiture in the event of any transfer made without the consent of the company and endorsement on the policy of an assignment of the policy following the assignment of the property.

It would appear that modern insurance policies and the one in this case had expressly guarded against the doctrine of insurable interest. The clauses in the defendant company's policy, on which are based the motion for non-suit are as follows: "If any change takes place in the title or possession of the property, whether by sale, transfer, conveyance, legal process, etc., or if the assured is not the sole, absolute and unconditional owner of this property insured, \* \* \* then, and in every such case, this policy shall be void."

I understand, His Honor said, that the second condition quoted expresses the state of facts which must exist when the policy is issued. Now, has any change taken place in the title by the execution of the bill of sale to W. A. Whiting? In its terms it is an absolute conveyance to him of the property covered by the insurance. Giving it the utmost favorable construction asked for by the plaintiff, that it is a conditional sale, an unrecorded chattel mortgage, if the instrument has any effect and is not a mere nullity, it must be held that the title of Mr. Michiels was changed thereby. He was no longer the unconditional owner. Mr. Whiting held a title upon which he could make a valid sale to a third party, having no notice of any equities in the case. The terms used in the clause are very comprehensive. Any change in the title, by sale or transfer. In the Michigan case cited, the words "transfer" or "change" of title are more comprehensive than the word "sale." A sale is upon a valuable consideration, but there may be a transfer or change of title without a sale.

Upon the most favorable construction to be given to this bill of sale the plaintiff has violated an express condition of his contract and thereby released the defendant. The motion of non-suit is sustained. Mr. Creighton, for the plaintiff, noted exceptions to the ruling.

His Honor then discharged the jury from further consideration of the case.

Counsel gave notice to the Court that the two other cases of the plaintiff against insurance companies would await the proceedings on appeal.

### Solar Phenomenon.

Yesterday between ten a. m. and one p. m. there was a fine display of luminous rings around the sun. The inner rings showed rainbow colors, somewhat faint in their tints, but clearly marked. The rings gradually faded away, the last to disappear being the outer one, which was bright. A dense haze or smoke obscured the sun, and the day was intensely hot.

### Government Land Sale.

Yesterday a sale of Government lands and leases was held at the front entrance of Aliolani Hale. The amount realized from leases was \$780, and by the sale of lands \$4,620. His Majesty the King was present and took part in the bidding.

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"Alexander Dumas spent two hours at my house yesterday. Why did he? I cannot understand what I have ever done to merit his attention."

Sachse-Masoch gave me the pleasure of a visit one afternoon, and although he speaks eight languages, English is not in the list. Our conversation was therefore in French.

In speaking of his novels I mentioned one in which a Polish count takes great interest in a youth. He consecrates himself to the education of this boy, and makes him the confidant of his joys and sorrows. When the youth is strong enough to discuss abstruse subjects with his protector, the count discovers that his protegee is a woman. The idea that a material question may alter the philosophical nature of their relations causes the grand seigneur to take refuge in flight, and here the romance ends.

"Would you like a story stranger than the novel itself?" said Sachse-Masoch to me. "Some time after it appeared I received an anonymous letter, in which the writer proposed a spiritual friendship, like that of the Polish count, and added that there would be no danger of a similar rupture, as he was a man. In every line was a sentimental appeal to my pity. The final phrase ended in my pity. I win back to life a soul that only meditates suicide." Naturally I thought the letter was written by a woman, and the second epistle only confirmed my theory, for this one appointed a rendezvous in a little village, with the condition that during the interview my eyes should be bandaged. I went; blindfolded myself. One moment after a rich, masculine voice said "Thank you." I was disappointed, I confess, I listened to this melodious voice, which made me the most flattering proposals of friendship. One year three interviews took place from time to time, and when anything prevented me from keeping an appointment, according to my instructions, I sent letters to London, Vienna, Paris, etc. My answers were always on paper stamped with a ducal coronet and signed Anatole. One day Anatole said to me:

"I authorize you to regard me."

"Quickly I raised my bandage, and saw the handsome man I ever beheld. He held out his hand to me and said:

"If thou lovest me a little, if thou hast understood that thy destiny is to save me, to cure me, and thy role to snatch me from despair, leave thy home. Let mine be thine, and thou shalt be great, rich and powerful."

"I was stupefied, but, remembering my wife and child, declined Anatole's offer. Some days later I studied the photographs in a Viennese shop window; among them I saw that of Anatole, and underneath was written: 'S. M. Louis, H. Roi de Baviere.' Who knows but the unfortunate king might be living to-day had I responded to his earnest entreaty?"—Paris Cor. Chicago Times.

The Ladies of Lima.

The ladies of Lima are all eyes. They have the reputation of being, as a class, the most beautiful in the world, and meeting them on the way to mass in the morning, or shopping later in the day, one can see how they obtained it. But, knowing them in their homes, the opinion changes, and you conclude after calm reflection that they are not so pretty as the women of New York. It is the mantle, which they wear in such a coquettish way, that gives them their reputation for beauty for it conceals every feature except their bewitching eyes and lovely olive complexion. No matter how ugly her nose, or her nose; no matter how high her cheek bones or large her ears; no matter whether she is as scrawny as a scarecrow or as bald as a bat, a mantle will make any woman with pretty eyes look handsome, and, like charity, it covers a multitude of sins. The garment, which is peculiar to Peru, and is worn by ladies of all ages and social positions, from the president's wife to the laundress who comes after your line is a sort of four sister to the mantilla of Spain. It is usually of crepe from China, and costs anywhere from \$10 to \$500, according to its quality. —Buenos Ayres Herald.

A Gorgeous Baron in Costume.

Baron Zedwith, the military attache of the German legation, was the most gorgeous thing in regimentals there. His light blue coat, his tight white breeches and his beautiful patent leather boots made one soberly uniformed envious, and when it came to aigrettes, and loops and cords, and frogs and medals, any American handmaiden would be of envy. He carried a helmet that, with its white horse tail, is as large as a beehive, and it fills his arm like a debutante's biggest bouquet. His patent leather boots, that reach up over his knees, do not look like real warfare, or even riding academy practice, and the ferocious looking silver spurs, that ring musically every time he sets his heel down in the decisive Prussian marching step, have no points on the rowels at all, simply little round pieces of silver, that only look dangerous at a distance, and warn the wearers of tulle dresses to keep away. —Globe-Democrat.

The French Bicycle Corps.

Regularly organized bicycle corps are now attached to the French army, and in recent maneuvers they have done all such work as the carrying of orders and dispatches, and done it with more speed and punctuality than mounted troopers. In some cases bicyclists have accomplished journeys of fifty and sixty miles a day for six or eight days in succession. At this rate a bicyclist is not only more efficient than a horseman but cheaper; for a bicycle costs originally less than half the price of a cavalry horse, wears as long, is far less expensive to keep and is much less likely to be put hors d'combat by a stray bullet. —Chicago Tribune.

Slang in the Restaurant.

Men who write books about slang might find material in some restaurants. In Kansas City there is an abundance of it. Only in one place in St. Louis—on Morgan street—can you hear downright slang in the giving of the orders, and curious it is. If you tell the waiter you want an oyster stew, he shouts out to the kitchen: "Jesse James!" A beefsteak becomes "slaughter in a pan;" plain, black coffee is "coffee in the dark;" potatoes unpeeled are "Morey with his coat on;" two eggs fried on one side are transformed into "sunny side up;" buckwheat cakes are spoken of in gambler fashion as "stack of reds with copper on top," and butter cakes as "stack of whites." —Walter in Globe-Democrat.

A woman who married a "perfect angel of a man" is usually a widow. This is tough, but it is true.

## Two Fifth Avenue Girls.

Do you suppose that Fifth Avenue girls are always as staid as sticks? No, no. A little old man, as ugly a specimen of the human race as ever assisted in disfiguring the earth, was going down that thoroughfare bending nearly double under the weight of a big basket of pigs' heads, which he carried on one shoulder. The rain was pouring and the sidewalks were wet. He slipped, and, in his effort to keep his footing, one of the heads fell to the pavement. He stood looking at it in woeful predicament, and, although he knew he could not stoop over far enough to reach it without losing his balance, he made several ineffectual attempts. The street was full of hurrying people, who jostled him on both sides, but nobody paid attention to him, except that occasionally some one looked with an amused smile at his dilemma. Presently along came two pretty young girls, neatly dressed in black cloth newmarkets, with black bones and muffs, and regulation tall hats. "Oh, see there!" said one, and before the old man knew what had happened there was a faint whiff of perfume in the air, and a pretty girl with a dainty handkerchief protecting her gloves, had lifted the pig's head and with the help of another pretty girl was putting it in the basket. But some of the piggy inborn obstinacy seemed to remain in his brain and dressed pate, for stay where they put it it would not. The old man stood as motionless as a caryatid, and the girls, with flushing faces and occasional laughter, tipped and worked and struggled with that refractory head, which, however they fixed it, would slide right off again. The passing people began to stop and in ten seconds a big crowd was watching the operation, when after the manner of his actions in life, the piggy's pate suddenly became docile and lay perfectly quiet in the exact place where they had tried half a dozen times to make it stay. As the old man moved off with his burden resting quietly on his shoulder, a cheer from a headblack was echoed in an approving murmur from the crowd as it went on its way again, casting admiring glances at the two girls who stepped off briskly with cheeks as red as Jacqueline's—Clara Belle in Kansas City Journal.

## N. P. Willis and Miss Canda.

Willis was a handsome man, and got his reputation for frivolity by his fondness for society, and from the fact that he was always in love to the day of his death. To this circumstance was due many of his best poems, notably the one beginning:

"Thine midnight sleep, I came but now  
From the close air of lighted halls.

Perhaps one of the sweetest love poems in the language. It occurred in this way: Willis was at a large party in West Washington place, where he met Miss Charlotte Canda, a beautiful and very accomplished girl, after whose father the Canda house in Lafayette place, then her residence, was named. He had met her often before, and this time their flirtation became very serious. They kept early hours in those days, and Willis left before midnight, Miss Canda soon after. She was sitting in the carriage waiting for her father, and it never was known how the thing occurred, but it was supposed that, the coachman, leaving his horses for a moment, they ran, and the lovely girl was thrown or jumped from the carriage on the corner of Broadway and Washington place. She struck her head and was carried insensible into the New York hotel, where she died in half an hour. While she was dying Willis was in his room, and, as he afterward told me, writing this poem, and declared that, had she lived, she would have been his wife. He was devotedly attached to his mother, and altogether a very lovable man, and yet, strange to say, he never got along with his sister, Fanny Fern, nor she with him, a circumstance which I attribute to the fact that, as ungallant as it may be to say it, Fanny was what may emphatically be called a "nipper."—J. W. Watson in Pioneer Press.

## A Hideous Museum.

Among the numerous collectors of curiosities of every kind who abound in Paris there is one wealthy virtuoso who amuses himself by collecting deaths' heads and skeletons fantastically carved or modeled in marble, earthenware, wood or precious stones. These he has gathered together in a kind of museum of death, which at first sight seems hideous and "macabre," but on closer inspection proves highly interesting. Some of the heads have been detached from those old medieval rosary beads which were usually ornamented on one side with the profile of a king or saint and on the other with the grinning face of a skeleton. One of the most hideous, yet at the same time most artistically executed of the figures, is that of a skeleton engaged in taking from off his bones the "conqueror worms" which have been claiming him as their own. The collector has given a lugubrious reality to the objects in his museum by placing here and there among the skulls of dead women.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

## Talking About Carpets.

"We have in stock no less than a thousand patterns of carpets," said the manager of a big carpet store on Wabash avenue, "and our present stock comprises 3,000 rolls. Not one of these patterns is more than a year old. The activity of the carpet designers and manufacturers is something marvelous. Perhaps as many as 1,500 or 2,000 new patterns are produced in a year in this country alone. There are carpet designers in this country who draw salaries as high as \$10,000 a year. The most expensive carpets on our stock are \$4.50 a yard, but we often make carpets in taking from off his bones the 'conqueror worms' which have been claiming him as their own. The collector has given a lugubrious reality to the objects in his museum by placing here and there among the skulls of dead women.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

## Mrs. Cleveland's Handiwork.

Mrs. Cleveland says that when she has been shaking hands with people all the evening, as she does at her receptions, she never feels pain in her right arm, but always in her left. She has a muscular grasp that is always noticed and spoken of. She takes hold of a caller's hand, not with the tips of her fingers, as some people do, but with a full, firm palm, and gives it a hearty shake. One would think that she would feel a serious lameness after greeting 2,000 or 3,000 in that way, but she never does except in the left arm, and she says that Mrs. Fred Grant told her a few weeks ago that Gen. Grant used to be affected in the same way. He always felt a lameness and often numbness in his left arm, but never in his right.—Chicago News.

## Sir Emerson Tennent long ago called

attention to the power of the cocoanut palm to conduct lightning, and the subject is again called up by a Ceylon paper. Five hundred of these trees were struck on a single plantation during a succession of thunder storms in April, 1869. But the trees suffer terribly from the effects, for, however slightly they may be touched, they are sure to die. Even if only the edges of the leaves are singed, or only a few of them turned brown, the tree will in the end wither gradually and perish.—Chicago Times.

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