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DARING JAIL BREAKING.

DAVE PADDOCK'S REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM JOLIET.

An Almost Superhuman Display of Agility Exercised by a Convict to Get Out of Prison—Working a Few Minutes at a Time for Over Two Years.

A portion of long bar walking from the cell door of Dave Paddock by four or [illegible] knights of the dark lantern and "jimmy" on the occasion of his most [illegible] escape from Joliet. For over two years Paddock has schemed and worked to effect his purpose. He was sent up from Rock Island on an eight year bolt, and was placed at work in one of the workshops, where, of duty, every minute of the working hours in the shop he was constantly under the watchful eye of his keeper. There was not the least chance to plan an escape from the shop. But, not daunted at this, he determined to find some means of getting out of his cell at night.

To fully appreciate the difficulty of getting out of a cell it must be remembered that three times every hour during the night, at irregular intervals, a guard wearing padded slippers—called "[illegible] shoes" by the convicts—marches his rounds, peering into each cell to make sure that all are secure and in bed. Paddock first appreciated a couple of thin blades that halves from his cheap, and, concealing them from the guard, took them to his cell, where, by using one as a file, he converted the other into a fine steel saw. Thus he slow degrees he collected a large amount of slow thread from the mess shop, with which he braided the rope. All this required months of steadfast work, but to the actor of time he had a slender, strong rope, fully fifty feet in length. This he kept carefully hidden in the mattress of his bed.

Next he began work on the bars on his door a little at a time. Night after night he watched for the passing of the guard, and as soon as that official was himself leaving distance he would cut a little and then fill up the space with black wax, which he had also obtained from the storeroom, so that the prying eye of the guard could not discover by daylight that the door had been tampered with. When the bar had been cut through he carefully nudged it back into place with small iron wedges and kept it fast.

BEHIND AND CLEVERNESS.

He could now get outside of his cell, but the hardest work was yet to be done. His cell was located high up on the third tier, some sixty feet away from the nearest door through which he hoped to make his way. Watching his chance, when the night guard was on the opposite side of the block of cells, he removed the bar from his door, crawled through the opening, and with all the agility of a cat climbed down the railing from tier to tier, ran across the corridor to the lower door, and, with a piece of shoemaker's wax, took an impression of the lock, repeating his call before the guard appeared on that side of the cell-blocks.

By careful searching he made a key out of lead pipe from a plumber had dropped near the workmen's in the shop, and went from tier to tier in the lower door until he found one that would unlock his door. He then had to wait before his key would fit, and then it took him some time to get together enough material to make a "dummy" to put in his bed to prevent his absence being discovered before he could get behind bank. On the very day that he intended to make his escape, while returning from the shop to his cell, he slipped upon an oily stairway and badly sprained his ankle. This almost disengaged him. His months of anxious toil had come to naught. His absence would surely be discovered. After three weeks in the prison hospital he was sent back to work, and when he reached his cell that evening was surprised to find that his rope, key and "dummy" were still safely concealed in his mattress, and everything as he had left it.

PRIDE AND CAPTURE.

Another week passed before his ankle would permit his making the attempt. The night came, however, and, along about midnight he was on the middle tier. A single iron bar still stood between him and freedom, and it would take four hours of hard work to cut through it. Just at daylight began to break the bar gave way. The guard came into view, and with its aid he slipped down upon the prison lawn and hurried away to the woods that line the shallowest of the prison. Here he found a thicket to undertake where he lay all day that night, and when darkness came again he got away.

His absence was not discovered from prison until the guard went to unlock his cell in the morning. This was without doubt the cleverest escape that had taken place at Joliet, and, arranged Paddock as a genius. Extraordinary efforts were made for his recapture. Large rewards were offered, and the description was sent broadcast. A year later it was discovered that Paddock had a relative in Chicago. A watch was set on her house for several weeks, and sure enough one night Paddock put in an appearance. Captain Simon O'Donnell, of the police department, had the place surrounded and the daring convict was again in the toils. He was taken back to his old quarters at the prison, where he finally received his sentence, however, was to last year's sentence, however, was to last year's sentence, which he had just completed, and was finally released to ever again see Joliet (Ill.) Letter.

This country has nearly 1,000,000 acres devoted to the raising of flax and hemp. It is proposed to make a grand display of these industries at the World's fair.

Seven whaling vessels are now to try the waters of the North Pacific, several reports show that whales are again frequenting that locality.

Titles and Plots "Market."

Not many years ago the title of doctor was considered itself as an honor and an evidence of deep scientific and thinking.

The extraordinary fashion in this country for titles of all kinds, especially those of doctor, professor and colonel or some military equivalent, has taken away all the prestige from the name. The designation of the former is "doctor." The sobriquet is a "professor," and the advertising enthusiasts of some newspapers are emblazoned with pictures of these long haired "doctors" and "professors."

To a man who has been a graduate of the medical "doctor mechanic," he should still confer on honor, but, on the whole, the title has become rather a trade mark and a convenient means of advertisement rather than a badge of attainment or evidence of scientific attainment.

Time seems to be a growing fashion that, after all, the value of "titles" is as little as it was a generation ago or one decade.

This is the time that is about now a distinction among medical men, who feel their own dignity and rank in their assurance of being another of their so-called "doctors." Many men of no but one in the profession, but made for all social and political purposes, have to be called "doctor" lest in the fear, as they are somewhat or unwarranted use of the title of "doctor." And I see many indications that the time is closed by the professional and by many who think they have a right to practice something more.—New York Herald.

It Came Out for Once.

"How now? What bad does ye" said an old minister, stopping on at the Washington statue in front of Independence hall "will you please see, beneath the shadow of the historic building, begorra a few words to you?"

"Well, good old," I said.

"For about the fifteen time I read the Declaration of Independence today," he continued, "and I pondered long and deeply over it. I believe the whole world is in that all men are free and equal. Am I not right?"

"Certainly. But what have I to do with it?" I asked.

"Everything, my dear fellow everything," he replied. "You are a good American, I know, and I feel in the marrow of my whisk to say to you that this are not free and equal in all cases."

"In what cases are they not?"

"Well, take for instance our own case," he said with all seriousness. "You, we are both free, and we are equal. You have enough money about you to buy a house. I have not. Therefore we are not equal. Do I make myself clear?"

"Perfectly. How you are. Will you please to speak on equal footing?"

"Exceedingly. Would that all Americans thought as much of our fundamental principles."

And he stuck up the street exploiting to the fact that for once he was free and equal.—Philadelphia Press.

Names of London Streets.

I don't wonder that strangers double when it comes to the names of streets. I myself have wandered twenty miles over, and, after asking seven street and Piccadilly streets in that town! The same name will repeat itself in street, road, place, crescent and square, upper and lower, east and west, until the brain begins to reel. We've spent some millions in directing cabs for Gloucester something or other, when we meant to have gone to Gloucester something else, time I care tell.

Bob declares he'll be charmed to an address book hereafter. I suppose a good deal of this repetition is due to the greediness with which London swallows up towns after town. But really there is no excuse for borrowing the same streets several times. One street in our neighborhood, not half a mile long, has three names. It's a blunder to go into Pall Mall, Oxford street and the Strand, for then I know where I am; but you I am to think of it, I don't know anything of the sort, for Piccadilly runs into Knights bridge, that street runs into several things, the Strand becomes Oxford street at Temple Bar—or, perhaps I might to say, at the place where Temple Bar used to be—and Oxford street turns itself in Holborn.

The Blue Water's Light.

The English glow worm in the wingless female of a winged beetle. Some suppose that the light she bears is intended for her protection to scare away the amorous bats and other nocturnal birds. Others, however, believe that the gift of brightness is the very line by which her lord are enabled to discover and devour her. Much speculation has been indulged in as to the nature of the glow worm's light, which is not yet quite understood. It is capable of giving forth any hue. It has been received that the light delivering substance is not phosphorus, but this has never been proved. Curiously it is impossible of communicating instinct to animals.

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