

passionately brooded over. The finest thing in it, perhaps, is the "Prayer," which runs as follows:

When the great God Gold, advancing, shall inherit all the earth,
When our country shall be governed by the slave,
When love and truth and honor shall be strangled at their birth,
And the noblest shall have won the felon's grave,

When our land shall be polluted by the outcast of the earth,
When corruption rages rampant at its root,
When our leaders shun their duty for the halls of reckless mirth,
And blinded blood shall bear its shameful fruit,

When our land shall seek defenders midst an alien kith and kin,
And shall writhe beneath a scourge of civil strife;
When a mighty hybrid nation shall have won the crown of empire,
Stare us, O God, the bitter curse of life!

CHAPED UNDER WORK.

Terry received a good education and at 17 entered a city office that he might learn business methods and later assist his father in the conduct of the estate



ALFONSO WILL WED PRINCESS ENA.

The formal announcement of the engagement of King Alfonso XIII. of Spain to Princess Victoria Eugenie Julia Ena, daughter of the Dowager Princess Henry of Battenberg, and youngest niece of King Edward of England, was made Friday.

Unofficially it has been known for months that the Princess "Ena," as she is known among her intimates, is to be the future queen of Spain. It was not until Friday, however, that the formal announcement was made.

The wedding day was not announced, but the semi-official newspaper, La Correspondencia de Espana, has already declared that the marriage will occur on May 17. The princess is only 18 years old. She made her debut at a function in her honor given by her mother-in-law, the Princess "Ena" is the only daughter of King Edward's youngest sister, the Princess Beatrice, as she was known in England, before her marriage to Prince Henry of Battenberg.

The princess was the queen's favorite child, and her constant companion for years. The Princess "Ena" shared this love. The future queen of Spain is fair and slender. She is extremely pretty, blonde, pleasant mannered and, above all, is said, like her mother, Princess Beatrice, to be a Catholic in all but name. She is very popular, and among her closest friends are several American girls, including Miss Frewen, Miss Elsie Breeze and Miss Muriel White, daughter of Henry White, ambassador to Italy.

agency. He did not take kindly to clerical work and chafed and fretted under enforced confinement within the narrow limits of an office. At 21, without his father's knowledge he enlisted as a private in a line regiment. He was afterwards transferred to the "Blues." He possessed that indefinable something which is called a magnetic personality and was well liked by both officers and men. Though entirely self-taught, he was an excellent draughtsman, and in defiance of the rules of the service, he once covered the walls of his quarters in the Windsor barracks with caricatures of the officers. The chaplain of the regiment was so tickled with a cartoon of himself that he cut out the plaster on which it appeared and framed it and then pleaded for a mitigation of the culprit's sentence.

ROVING INSTINCTS.

After two or three years soldiering his father bought his release, took him into partnership and tried to induce him to settle down to business. But he could not long endure the "man-of-war" life. The instincts of the rover were strong in him. He went out to South Africa, enlisted in the mounted police and served through the Matebele war. He took part in 15 engagements, was wounded twice and won the friendship of the great empire builder, Cecil Rhodes. Then he returned to London and again tried to settle down to respectability and a tall hat. Two years of this sort of existence was all he could stand and he started wandering again.

TO CHECK "YELLOW PERIL."

It was in British Columbia he became convinced that Chinese cheap labor meant ruin for the white wage-earner and that it was his mission in life to check the "yellow peril." From Canada he went to Australia, earning his bread by mining, farming and prospecting and from thence he passed to New Zealand. It was there he brought out his first book, "God is Gold," in which he attempted to convince New Zealanders that the advent of the Chinese was undermining their prosperity. It produced little effect and his lectures were equally futile to arouse public opinion. In the last letter which his father received from him, written after the publication of "The Shadow," he wrote, "I am going to make a name for myself, but I don't want you to appear connected with me, for it may harm you."

He certainly has made a name for himself. Since the news was received here of his sensational crime a notice has been published announcing the severance of his connection with his father's firm.

AGED WOMAN THE VICTIM OF ABSURD BRITISH LAW.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—By a singular coincidence, simultaneously with the publication here of the cable report of Joseph Choate's speech at the Lotus club, New York, wherein he expressed the opinion that British law was superior to the home-made article and better administered, we have been treated to a striking demonstration of its asinine qualities. With black cap on head a British judge has solemnly pronounced sentence of death on an old woman for the murder of her husband whom she did not murder, and to complete the farcical tragedy a British chaplain has solemnly invoked the mercy of God on her "guilty soul," which was not guilty. And all this with the full knowledge that she did not commit the crime for which she was convicted and that she will never be hanged for it. In a condemned cell the aged victim of legal cruelty whose sad plight has evoked expressions of the deepest sympathy from all classes is awaiting the exercise of the crown's prerogative of mercy. After a brief

period of imprisonment she will probably be released—to die out what remains of her wretched existence branded as a murderess. Justice and jury are agreed that she should never have been convicted. But they had no other recourse than to conform to a stupid and antiquated law which ought long ago to have been repealed.

MOST PITIFUL TALE.

Mrs. Marian Seddon's story is one of the most pitiful that has ever been told in the grim old Bailey court. She was 65 years old and her husband was 78. They had been married 12 years. After their marriage they started a confectionery shop at Staines. For a time they were fairly successful. Then trade fell off and they moved to a shop in Mortlake. There things went from bad to worse. The husband's health failed. When quarter day came round they had not enough money to pay the rent. Death or the workhouse seemed to be the only alternative open to them and they chose death, but the husband alone found it.

LEAVE WORLD TOGETHER.

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happened. The police removed the couple to the workhouse which they had so dreaded. There the doctors did their best to prevent them escaping from it by death—as in duty they were bound to do. They saved Mrs. Seddon's life, but her husband, more fortunate, succumbed.

THE AWFUL INQUEST.

There followed, of course, a coroner's inquest. The jury brought in a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane. Then the police arrested Mrs. Seddon and charged her with the murder of the man who, according to the coroner's jury, had committed suicide. Paradoxical as it sounds, the law justified that charge. For the law declares that if two persons conspire to commit suicide and one survives, that survivor is guilty of murder.

WAS NOT MURDER.

The evidence at the trial made it clear that it was not a case of murder—that is according to common sense notions. But the law was equally emphatic that it was murder and the judge told the jury that they would have to stand by the law. The jury reluctantly bought in a verdict of guilty, adding a strong recommendation to mercy. And the judge reluctantly sentenced the woman to death. He said it was the saddest case he had ever tried. His opinion of the law which compelled him to impose a sentence that was utterly abhorrent to his notions of right and justice he kept to himself, for in a court of justice the most stupid law must be treated as something sacred.

"We did not want to find the woman

guilty," said one of the jurymen, after the trial was over, "but after what the judge told us we could not do otherwise. Of course we knew that the woman would not be hanged, and, of course, the judge knew it too, when he pronounced sentence of death upon her. In this case the law is certainly 'an ass,' and it is absurd to retain it on the statutes."

FLAW IN ENGLISH LAW.

One of the council who took part in the trial said to the writer, "The case

reveals a flaw in our law which certainly ought to be amended. We ought to have murder in the first degree and in the second degree, as I believe you have in the United States. It is absurd to put a person who is merely technically guilty on trial for his or her life. A housebreaker who smashed a window with his fist, the flying glass from which fatally injured anyone, would be technically guilty of murder. So would a man who shot at a fellow which did not belong to him and accidentally killed a man."

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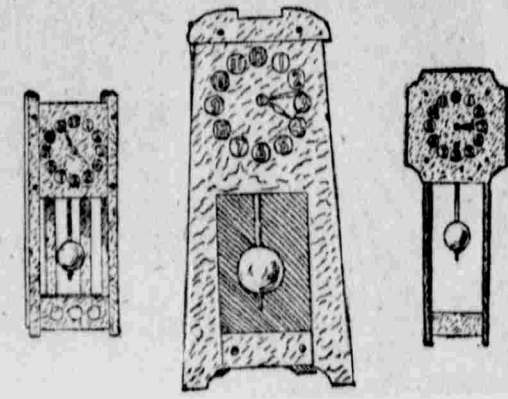
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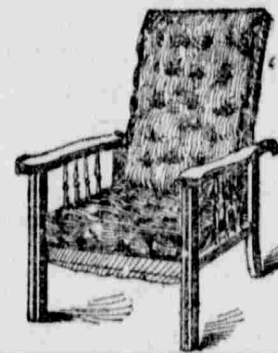


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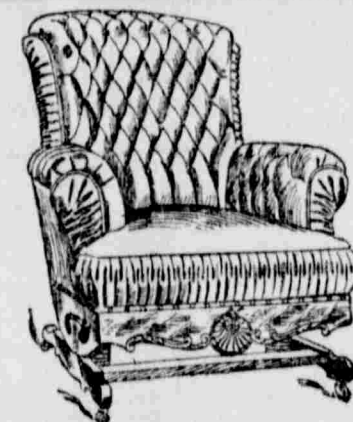
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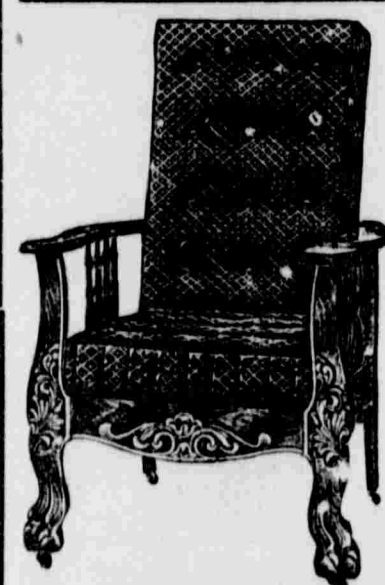
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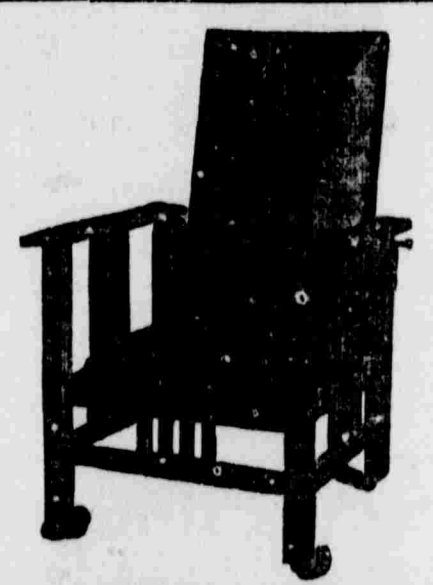
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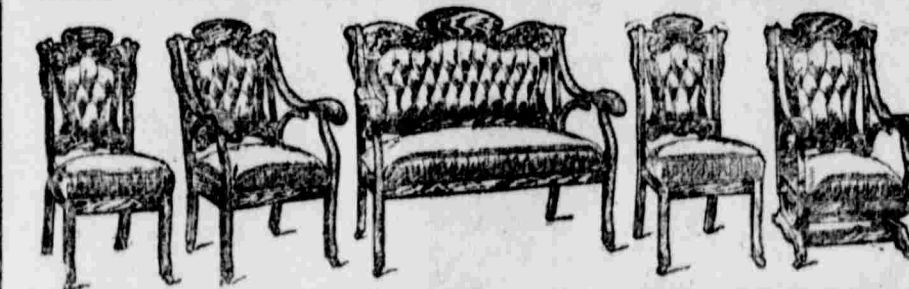
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