### The Coming of The Plague.

Europe and its once favorite haunts World. in Asia Miner. Cholera has taken its place to a great extent, but dreadful as have been the devastations of this scourge its name never struck such terror as did that of the Plague.

And now, after its long absence, the dreaded Plague is once more on its old-time westward route. For the last two years it has made fitful appearances at villages on the lower Euphrates. News has been received of its outbreak at Hillah, in Asiatic Turkey, and also at Bagdad. These outbreaks are reported to show no diminution of the old virulence, and there is every probability that the malady will before long be conveyed from Bagdad to the Levant. The London Times gives warning that it may not stop there, but will not unlikely continue its westward progress to Europe, and even to Great Britain. The present state of commercial communication is highly favorable to the swift and easy transmission of the pestilence from its Asiatic home to Western Europe, from whence it might perhaps be conveyed by emigrant ships to our own shores. It is true that improved sanitary regulations and better habits of living will make it easier to fight the pestilence than in the old days of its westward visits, yet the caution is not ill-timed that bids the sanitary authorities of all seaport towns, especially, to be fully prepared for any emergency which may arise, and to consider beforehand the precautions which would be required if any case of plague should be brought within their

The seventeenth century was the period of the greatest ravages of the plague in Western Europe. In 1603 and 1604 more than thirty thousand persons perished of it in London alone, and it was very destructive in Ireland. Twenty years later thirty-five thousand persons died in London within a twelvemonth from the disease. Six or seven years later than this France was devastated by this scourge, and in the city of Lyons sixty thousand persons are reported to have perished. In 1656 the plague reached Naples in a transport laden with soldiers, and in six months four hundred thousand persons died of it. In 1664-5 occurred that awful visitation in London, when from seventy thousand to one hundred thousand persons perished; when scenes of the most horrible kind occurred; and when the streets reechoed with the appalling cry, "Bring out your dead!" The disease was not finally extirpated until the great fire of 1666 purified the city by destroying a large part of it.

jurisdiction.

After that period the most destructive visit of the plague in Western Europe was in 1720, when a ship arriving from the Levant at Marseilles brought the pestilence with it and sixty thousand persons fell victims. During the remainder of the century terrible de- THE FOE OF PAIN vastation was caused by the pestilence in Syria, Persia, Egypt, and Barbary. Then it died out, or only gave evidence of its existence in a few sporadic cases. Now it threatens to resume its old march of death.—Cleveland Herald.

## English Justice.

An English court of justice has done itself and the laws of England credit by a very prompt and sharp decision in favor of a poor laboring man, whose small earthly possessions had been brutally and remorsely sacrificed by his landlord in carrying out a distraint for rent. The laboring man, Edwards, was in arrears fifteen shillings. His landlord sued him and got a distraint upon his goods, valued at ten pounds, caused the whole to be seized and sold at auction, including a coverlet on a taby lying in its cradle. The proceeds of the sale were £4, 17s. 6d., and when the poor man's wife, more plucky than ner husband, demanded that the surplus realized should be handed back to her she was abused and driven away. Edwards thereupon sued his oppressor, who put in a bill for auction er's fees, seven days possession, toll, two bailiffs, and "liquor" supplied to those worthy leechers of the law. The County | sores.

Court decided that the distraint had been "oppressively and im-It is more than a century and a properly conducted," and gave Edhalf since the last, never to be for- wards a judgment for £6 6s., with gotten, visit of the plague to Eng- costs, the landlord to be imprisoned land. Half a century has gone by if the amount was not paid within since it disappeared, it was hoped one week. Clearly English law is for ever, from the continent of no respector of persons. - N. Y.

> SHE'S A PEELER. - He yanked out his greasy handkerchief and commenced mopping up the sweat and tears that were making ruts through the dirt that had adhered to his stricken face. Mr. Teague said: "Old woman been harryin' ye agin?" And he answered: "Ef I wan't tuffer'n rubber I should have been a dead corpse fore now. Durned ef I don't wish I'se deaf or suthin. I don't git no peace nowhere. I got ter go clear up ter Mount Auburn ter day and plumb up her fust husband's gravestones. She gin me a two-foot rule ter measure from her third husband's resting-place ter Baylie's lot, ter see if there's room nuff ter deposit more remains. Cuss sich business! It looks significant and makes me oneasy. Her doggoned tongue is frightful. Jaw, jaw, jaw, 'bout suthin' the whole time. Saturday night she set her claws into my hair and I'll be blessed if she'd leggo till Hackett's wife gin her ether!" And the old man drove the stopper into a can of oysters and went out and slammed the door. Mr. Teague remarked: "Poor old Pratt, he has got hisself inter a difficulty, and ef he don't put on immortality and wear a shrowd lessen one year, I am a liar. I knowed the old woman fore he married her, and she's a peeler, you bet!"-Boston Courier

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