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**MOLYNEUX'S GRUESOME STORY.**

Molyneux, who was first convicted and afterwards acquitted in New York of the awful charge of murder has given to the world a story of prison methods which may well send a shudder through the hearts of his readers. The released prisoner is a man of education, accustomed to a life of ease and luxury, and it is not surprising that after such experience as he has had that he should give his impressions to the public. Two years in the death chamber! What it means to a young man in the prime and vigor of life can only be imagined by those who have not shared the gruesome experience which Molyneux relates. He has told his story calmly and without any attempt at sensationalism. The bald facts are indeed sufficient without embellishment.

Under the new law that had come into force shortly before his conviction Molyneux was sent to Albany to await execution in the electric chair. Previously all capital punishment was inflicted in the counties or cities where the convict received sentence. He was given a light suit of clothes and shoes with felt soles, and then locked in a large steel cage, consisting of single cells. In each cell was a man condemned to death and he had more than a score of such neighbors. "The walls and everything in and around the cells were painted white, and every man was exposed night and day to the rays of a powerful electric light. Every moment of the two years he spent there he was under the eye of one or more guards. They tramped round and round the cage of death, and sleeping or awake, every convict was at all times closely watched. The bright light, made more brilliant by reflection from the glistening white surroundings, increased the sickening condition of the incarceration to an excruciating degree.

"When the day approached for an execution the chosen victim was taken from his cage and placed in a smaller box-like structure, where he remained one week, making final preparation for death. He was never seen again by his companions, but the day before the execution the family of the man would take their farewell of him. This leave-taking is described as the most horrible torture inflicted by the system, since the wailing and sobbing of the wife and children (when there were such) could be distinctly heard by the other condemned men, and they were thus vividly reminded of what was to be their portion when the hour should arrive."

We have not seen Molyneux's book, but the newspaper reviews and extracts therefrom give an exceedingly painful impression. This impression is heightened by the fact that the writer who relates his experiences among the "living damned" was probably innocent of the crime laid to his charge. His experiences as described were apparently sufficiently horrible to drive many a sane and healthy man insane, and the effect of their publication seems likely to call for some modification of the existing laws with regard to the treatment of convicts between the date of conviction and execution.

**SOME LORD MAYORS.**

According to the statement of the Marquis de Fontenoy, who knows all about the inner workings of European courts and the doings of royal personages, King Edward has just conferred the title of "Lord" Mayor upon the Mayors of Melbourne and of Sydney in Australia, and it is understood that he will shortly concede similar distinction to the chief magis-

trates of Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and Quebec. It is pointed out that the honor thus conferred carries no extra prerogative with it save that the Mayor is entitled to be addressed as "My Lord" instead of "Mr. Mayor" or "Your Worship." Up to a few years ago the chief Magistrate of the city of London was the only head of any British municipality who was ex-officio a Lord. But Queen Victoria towards the close of her reign, and King Edward since his accession have extended this privilege to the provosts of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, as well as to the Mayors of Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Birmingham, Dublin, Belfast and Cork.

In regard to the above statements it is only fair to warn His Majesty in time that any attempt to create a Lord Mayor of Halifax without bestowing a similar distinction on a city located by the north shore of the Bay of Fundy at the same time, might seriously disturb the balance of self conceit between the two Canadian winter ports. And if Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are each to have one or more Lord Mayors, what about Prince Edward Island? His Majesty would do well to consider this point, lest otherwise, as Ahasuerus apprehended in his time, "there should arise too much contempt and wrath" in a city which we need not name. Besides, "Lord Mayor of Charlottetown" would be a well-sounding title.

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