

Shocking Sacrilege.

An Unnatural Story That Comes From Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 15.—The authorities are said to be looking for evidence which will lead to the arrest of young men who committed a sacrilege in St. Luke's Episcopal church, in Lancaster county. It is said that the party of prominent society men, accompanied by a young woman, went to the edifice and held a mock communion service. Crackers and whiskey were used instead of bread and wine. After this sacrilegious service, the roysterers smashed the table upon which the feast was spread. The young woman was then baptized in the sacred font, which was also smashed. The woman is said to have since committed suicide in a Baltimore hotel.

HERE'S ANOTHER FROM OUR NEIGHBORING TOWN OF YORKVILLE.

Yorkville special to The News and Courier: Last Saturday night Policeman Sanders caught Harry Ward, the negro sexton of the Church of the Good Shepherd, (Episcopal) of this place, red-handed in the act of selling whiskey to three white men over the pulpit of the church. In searching the vestry room a quantity of whiskey was found in the closet or wardrobe, where the surplice of the rector is kept when not in use.

Japanese Marriage Laws.

(From Harper's Weekly.)

Although Japan has revealed herself as highly enlightened in so many spheres of civilization, she has not yet applied reformatory principles to the institution of marriage.

There is as yet no such thing in Japan as equality between the sexes. The law relating to marriage recognizes no wrongs except on the part of the wife, from whom the husband may obtain a divorce by merely asserting that he is tired of her, or upon any of the following grounds:

Disobedience, adultery, barrenness, jealousy, physical antipathy, talkativeness, or theft.

When a girl is about to marry, her mother impresses upon her various rules of conduct to be followed during her wedded life. Some of these are:

"Be always amiable to your mother-in-law.

"Don't talk too much.

"Get up early, go to bed late, and never sleep in the afternoon.

"Until you are fifty, never mix in crowds.

"Do not consult fortune teller.

"Do not wear light clothes.

"Be humble and polite.

"Never allow yourself to be jealous.

"Even if your husband is in the wrong, never get angry."

—A man will die for want of sleep in about ten days and for want of air in about five minutes.

Three women and two men burned to death, in a burning building, in New York Thursday. Three of the victims were kneeling in prayer when the fire reached them.

Fire in Waxhaw.

Mr. J. D. Davis Loses his Residence and Household Effects.

Waxhaw Enterprise, Nov. 16. While most of the people of Waxhaw were at breakfast Tuesday morning the general alarm of fire was sounded. Mr. J. D. Davis' residence on North Providence St. was found to be in flames. The progress of the fire was so rapid that practically none of the household effects were saved. All the members of the family lost their clothing except what they had on. The fire is thought to have originated up stairs. The cause is unknown. Mr. Davis carried a small amount of insurance on his household goods, but not near enough to cover the loss. It was by hard work that several near-by residences were saved from burning.

Typhoon in Philippines.

Mail Advices from Philippines Show Damage Done by Typhoon Under Estimated.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Mail advices received from the Philippines today show how inadequately the devastation caused by a typhoon was described in the cable reports last month. It is stated that at least fifteen Americans and two hundred natives lost their lives and that the damage done will exceed \$3,000,000 in gold, in the province of Albai alone. In the province of Sorsogan the damage was placed at \$2,000,000. In these provinces 80 per cent of the buildings were destroyed. As a result of the storm and drought of early summer, only 50 per cent of the usual receipts from crops will be obtained. In Sorsogan all municipal buildings and school houses with two exceptions were destroyed. It will be eighteen months before a new crop of hemp will be available for market, so that much destitution among the natives is inevitable. The typhoon almost wiped out the rice and sugar crops.

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