







THE SONS OF MALTA.

The Facts About a Once Famous Order.

The Extraordinary Processes of Initiation.—The Rough Road Over Which the New Brother Traveled.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

Just a quarter of a century ago a secret society, known as the Sons of Malta, suddenly into existence in the city of New Orleans. The original object of the organization was the capture of Cuba, and many prominent military men of the south were the leading spirits in the movement.

Candidates for initiation were ushered into the hall where those who were already members were arranged in rows, each covered from head to foot with a white or black gown, in which were cut small holes for the eyes and nostrils.

To each candidate the "master of ceremonies" in a most impressive and pleasing manner, stated the objects of the order and told how the brotherhood came together with one aim and one understanding.

Then the candidate was asked if he was willing to leave the world of the living and to go to the world of the dead, and if he answered in the affirmative, he was immediately blindfolded, led to the top of the stair of arms folded. This was the position he had to occupy until the ceremony of the deal of a "confession" of his misdeeds.

Then the candidate, in a saddened tone of voice, there is but one way in which you can "redeem" yourself in the eyes of the "father" and make a full and complete confession.

The feeling that their secrets might actually be in possession of the brotherhood, and an indelible dread of what that Council of Ten might do in the way of punishment, invariably unlocked the mouths and tongues of the most delicate citizens—men of good character and standing—were forced to own up to moral transgressions they would not care to have appear in print.

The candidate was then asked if he could swear that he answered in the affirmative to the reply was, "Let us see you." If in the negative the answer was "We will teach you a lesson."

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With a lengthy and formal speech from the master of ceremonies, and a final address and words of respect from the now unmasked members of the order, the candidate was presented with his credentials, which it was made obligatory upon him should be immediately opened and examined. Heavily sealed, the envelope was broken, the certificate taken from the envelope and opened, and the master of ceremonies, who had been seated in a high-backed chair, rose to his feet and addressed the candidate.

Behind the Age. Fostal Conferences in Other Countries Far Ahead of Our Own. Dr. Albert Leffingwell in The Laws of Life. We are undoubtedly a nation of big men, yet an incomprehensible reluctance to adopt any governmental method for public benefit seems always to characterize our national legislators.

In New York when I post a letter at the corner main post office, it is the custom to put in a stamp which is valuable, since the collector of the stamps, who goes to Germany, however, his letter thus posted, drop into his pocket, and he goes to Germany, the collector, who drives about in a light cart, has only to substitute an empty envelope for the letter, and he is ready to mail a newspaper or a small parcel in any of his many trips to the post office.

Con. DeWitt's "Swamp Angel." M. Quad in his graphic way, sketches mirthful frequent mention of the famous "Swamp Angel," which played such an important part in the siege of Charleston. The subsequent history of this piece of ordnance is worth a study in this city, with a number of other condemned cannons, to be recast into implements of peace.

Men and Women of New York. New York Letter. The men and women of New York are not beautiful. Many of them are redeemed by their style, but their pale, sallow faces and defective figures forbid any idea of beauty—that is, of the perfect and peerless beauty of feature and color which is a rarity anywhere, but should not be so in this city.

Telegraphy in Europe. Scientific American. Lecturing on the progress of telegraphy before the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr. DeWitt's British subject, discussed the three forms of battery used in the Daniell, Leclanche, and Bichromate, in the proportions respectively of 27, 36, and 21. Of A. B. C. instruments there are 4,382 needles, 3,721 Morse's, and 2,800 Wheatstone's.

Considerable pains to know how many brethren of the long robe we have, writes that of the 7,000 members of the bar in England, 12 per cent appear to be in practice abroad, 50 per cent appear to be in practice here, and 38 per cent are in practice here and abroad.

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WOMAN'S TRIUMPH. A Severe Surgical Operation. It is Described, Mrs. Edwards' History of Her Recovery, N. Y. (From the Correspondence of the Kingston, N. Y., Freeman.)

How She Became "Iron-Jawed"—Her Aerial Flight of Two Hundred Feet at Forty Miles an Hour. New York Journal.

HERE AT LAST. At a "Wagon and Wagon" on the 11th of August, 1882, at 11 o'clock, a party of five persons, including a woman, were seen to be flying over the city.

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