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DEPLORABLE RESULT OF A MISTAKE IN AN APOTHECARY SHOP.—We referred, yesterday, briefly, to the death of a lady in this city, caused by taking a poisonous drug sent to her from an Apothecary's shop, in mistake for another she had sent for. So much interest has been excited in regard to the case, that we have made inquiries concerning it, and deem it no more than right that the facts should be known, as their publicity may be the means of preventing a recurrence of such a catastrophe.

Several months ago there arrived here an English family, consisting of a gentleman named B., his wife, his daughter and two sons, one of the latter a youth, the other an officer in the British army, absent on furlough. They brought letters from England to some of our most respectable citizens, including a distinguished member of the legal profession. They took lodgings at a fashionable boarding-house, in Chestnut street, and have resided there for some time, and have won the respect and affection of all who know them. The older son has returned to his regiment. Mrs. B. was subject to a complaint for which she was in the habit of taking the remedy known as "Black Draught"—a preparation of senna. On Saturday night last, feeling indisposed, she sent to a neighboring drug store, where she had procured it before, for a fresh supply. A vial was sent, with the usual label, and her daughter placed it near her bed, so that she could take it in the night, if she required it. Early in the morning it appears that she took a dose of it; for Mr. B. was awakened by her violent breathing, although she was at the same time in a profound sleep, from which she could not be aroused. He suspected that something was wrong, and sent to the apothecary's to inquire what medicine had been sent to Mrs. B., and was assured it was "Black Draught," and that it was "all right." The alarming symptoms continuing, a physician was sent for. The messenger found one and took him in to see the lady. He excused himself, however, from attending her, having lately suffered a severe domestic affliction, which unfitted him for duty. Other physicians were sent for, but there was difficulty in finding any, and all this time the sufferer's symptoms were growing more distressing. Finally, after two or three hours' search, the legal friend of the family already referred to, procured the services of a surgeon in the Navy, and another medical man was also brought to the lady's bedside. They immediately discovered that she was laboring under the effects of a narcotic. It was, however, too late for remedy, and in a short time the lady died.

The vial in which the drug that she had taken was found, and the legal friend went again to the apothecary's to make inquiries. He assured him that there would have to be an investigation and that he had better state candidly the facts of the case.—The apothecary then acknowledged that a mistake had been made by a young woman employed in his shop. Instead of "Black Draught," she had sent "Black Drop," a preparation of opium and a violent poison.

This is the outline of this most lamentable tragedy. Some of the details may be imperfectly stated, but as far as we can ascertain the facts, they are substantially as we have given them. The afflicted family thus deprived, in a strange land, of a beloved wife and mother, have the sympathies of this whole community. They have been urged to resort to legal measures; but the bereaved husband's answer is that no damages in a court of justice can restore the life of his wife, and the notoriety of the investigation would only aggravate their sorrow. At the same time, we are informed that the Coroner designs to make such inquiries as his official duties require.

Since the above was in type we have learned from a reliable source some further particulars concerning this lamentable affair. It seems that when the medicine was sent for, the messenger, a boy, requested that the same medicine that had been obtained before should be put in

the vial. The latter was labelled "Black Draught," that preparation having been before obtained at the same store. After the discovery that the lady was in the condition caused by the drug, the bottle was sent to the druggist with an inquiry as to what it had contained. This query was answered by the apothecary pasting upon the bottle a "Black Drop" label.

The druggist was immediately summoned to the house, and a lady who was present charged him with attempting to deceive them by covering up the original label with the new one. To this charge the druggist replied that he had no such intention, that the unfortunate lady had taken Black Drop, and that the quantity she had swallowed was sufficient to kill a dozen persons.

No less than ten physicians were summoned, but their combined skill did not avail to save the victim of the mistake. After the death of the lady one of the attending physicians gave a certificate that her death resulted from Congestion of the Brain; but it was not stated how the disease was produced.

On the authority of this certificate the body was privately placed, on Monday, in a vault at a neighboring Catholic Church, from whence it is intended to remove it to Laurel Hill. The Coroner designs investigating the case, but it is the earnest desire of the friends of the deceased that no needless notoriety shall be given to the sad affair.

DRUGGISTS—LIFE AND DEATH.—We alluded last week to the total disregard of human life which is manifested in all the relations of business, and in the mal-administration of every department that purports to take care of the "dear people." The druggists are placed in such a position that there is not an individual who takes a prescription to them, but places his life at their mercy. The mystery which surrounds them is in bottles, with labels which speak in unknown tongues; and when the dose is handed to you, with some hieroglyphic upon it, you take it with all its mystery, because you have confidence in the one who puts it up. But if your life is placed in the hands of half-grown boys, who, while mixing your portion talk of engines and fires, and seem to look upon the putting up of a prescription as if measuring a yard of tape; or if you see young girls, whose education has been in the household of their mothers, or in retail dry goods store, then we should hesitate before placing our lives, and that of others, in such hands. It is evident that the recent melancholy affair which occurred by a prescription being put up by a young girl in the employ of Samuel Simes, N. W. corner of Chestnut and Twelfth street, was the result of her lack of knowledge of the mysteries of the profession, and it is equally certain the engaging of boys and girls for such business, is a piece of meanness on the part of the proprietors, which should be punished for its consequences.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—James A. Freeman, Auctioneer, sold the following described Real Estate, &c., last evening, at the Exchange, viz:

1 share stock Mercantile Library, \$9.
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4 three story brick houses and lot of ground, Noble st., below Second st., 20 feet front, 60 feet deep. Subject to \$60 ground rent, \$2400.
23 lots of ground, Seventeenth and Fitzwater street; one 17 feet front, 80 feet deep, and 16 by 80; subject to \$68.12 ground rent, \$443.83.
Frame house and lot, Duke street, between Cherry and Vienna streets, 18 feet front, 100 feet deep, clear of incumbrance, \$1090.

"Goot Lager."

The Herald states that lager beer is becoming a very popular beverage in Harrisburg. Indeed it is a fixed institution, while "bald face whiskey" is fast going into retirement. The Germans who visited our City a few weeks since, made terrible inroads upon the lager vaults. They must have consumed a small river of it. They imbibed it at their headquarters in the City, and at all their rendezvous in doors and out of doors. At Lemon Hill, we learn teams were occupied during the whole day drawing loads of lager upon the field. They kept going, going, going, from morning till night. The empty casks at night filled a good part of an acre of ground. The following stanzas on lager we find going the rounds:

"Strong du peest mein lager,
Nix can pe stronge;
I likes du better as goot,
Petter as goot can pe.

When I drink mein lager,
Him feels strong much more!
Put pe chinks! I like him,
Petter as before!"

The New Hall of the Colored Masons.—The Hall which was dedicated on Wednesday, by the colored Masons, stands upon the site of the old one, in Eleventh street below Pine. The lot of ground was taken up by the first colored Masons in this city, as early as 1797. The order had been established in this country by the highest Masonic authority in England, through the institution of the African Lodge of Boston, in 1784. The warrant of authority bears the signatures of Thomas Howard, Earl of Effington, Lord Howard and Frederick, Duke of Cumberland. The cost of the new hall was \$13,500. It is four stories in height, with a front of 20 feet, and a depth of 80 feet. The front is an ornamental brick, with a heavy brown stone cornice. There is a restaurant in the basement; the first floor is designed for a shop, with a banqueting room in the rear; the second for balls, concerts and school purposes; the third is fitted up for Lodge rooms, while the fourth is divided into the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter rooms. Both the latter are fitted up and furnished in an elegant manner, which was done principally by members of the Order.

SALE OF STOCKS, REAL ESTATE, &c.—The following Stocks, Real Estate, &c., were sold last evening, at the Merchants' Exchange, by M. Thomas & Sons:

120 shares Mount Moriah Cemetery, \$20a32; 48 shares Mount Holly and Medford Turnpike Company, \$13.50; 4 shares Mount Holly and Moorestown Turnpike, \$15.25; 1 share Point Breeze Park Association, \$190; 1 share (equal to 20 new shares) San Francisco Land Company, \$80; 1 share Mercantile Library, \$8.50; 4 shares Camden and Atlantic Land Company, \$25.50.
House and lot, Callowhill above Twenty-third street, 18x66½ feet, \$1500.
House and lot, adjoining the above, 18x60½ feet, \$1400.
House and lot, Logan near Green street, 17x54½ feet, mortgage \$700, \$1000.
House and lot, N. E. corner Twenty-third and Ralston streets, 32x100 feet, ground rent \$80, \$1250.
House and lot, 427 Green street, 18x131 feet, with brick dwelling on the same, \$8700.
House and lot, 53 S. Eighteenth st, 16x67 feet, \$4400.
House and lot, No. 111 Union st., 25x160 feet, \$5500.
House and lot, adjoining, No. 113, 18x71½ feet, \$2500.
House and lot, Market, west of Till st, 20x190 ft, \$1175.
Lot of ground, east of the above, 19x190 feet, \$675.
Country Seat of three acres, with improvements, on Grey's Lane, \$2900.
50 Building Lots, on Walnut, Locust, Mansion, and Cramond streets, Twenty-fourth Ward, each 25x155½ feet, \$200 to \$237 each.