

# Life in The Slums

In these days when the question of the restriction of immigration has come to be a demanding Federal legislation, a visit to the slums of Philadelphia should be sufficient to convince the Congressional investigators that some restrictive measures against the coming of the foreign hordes who are now pouring into the land should be enacted. The first quarter generally expected on entering one slum is the unsavory district known as "Little Italy," which extends from Fitz-street to the north, and from Sixth to Tenth street on the east and west. Here in the homes of the Italians, who are not here to be mortgaged his earnings for many months to the agent of the steamship company which brought him over, or to a banker, who is willing to lend him money upon the security of his labor.

Within a few blocks there reside no less than 25,000 persons. The heart of "Little Italy" is that part of the quarter comprising the portions of Center and Spaulding streets, "Gally's avenue" and the courts and alleys radiating from these main thoroughfares. The Italian immigrant life is found at its best and worst. There are some thoroughfares in this locality which are not crowded over to its occupancy. The dwellings are in the form of small, one-story or four or five rooms being regarded as good sized, yet a whole family will occupy one room, and perhaps have sev-

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**ARE WOMEN MERCIFUL?**

A St. Louis Member of the Sex Answers With a Decided No.

"I see by the papers that two young Russian officers quarreled about a lady who had been smiling sweetly upon both," said Mrs. Julia Trull, as she looked on for the editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat to a seat beside her in the LaCade parlors.

"A very poor fellow covers shots the other dead, and was sentenced to serve twelve years in the mines of Siberia. A man who had stained his hands with blood and incurred the displeasure of the czar was permitted to comfort the unfortunate."

"That was just like a woman. Do you know that women, as a rule, have very little regard for the feelings of men? Of course, there are honorable exceptions, but the average woman has no regard for the feelings of men."

"She is inordinately selfish. That Russian woman could not put off her wedding day to spare the feelings of a man who had stained his hands with blood and incurred the displeasure of the czar."

"A man would have kept his betrothal to another a secret. He would have been present to comfort the unfortunate."

"The woman gloried that she had the power to destroy a man, and she did it, and would not refrain from adding insult to injury. I often hear of such cases, and I am sure of disagreements with their admirers."

"In New York nothing goes on a young man's party, but he counts to the same young lady. They quarreled. A duel was imminent, but her brother succeeded in averting it. She would thank him? No, indeed! She begged him to hereafter attend to his own affairs."

"She was hungry for the notoriety the affair would have given her. She desired to be pointed out as the cause of a riotous encounter. She could not have been more eager for the uncanny advertisement had she been a candidate for the position of a prostitute. Oh, you poor, misguided men imagine!"

**ENGLISH AND AMERICAN THEATRES.**

How Coakham Tells a Few Truths About Their Respective Merits.

In England some regard is shown for the actor's comfort; in America—none to mention. When I speak thus I except one—the new theatre built and owned by that famous diamond connoisseur, Alvin Kohn, in Pittsburgh. It is truly a magnificent playhouse, with greenroom and fully-equipped private rooms for the members of the company. The greenroom is everywhere present in England, and there the actors rest between acts and calls, and receive their friends, unhampered by 2x4 white-washed walls and bare floors, from which the bright-worn nail heads protrude. Fires glow in grates, soft carpets silence the tread of feet, luxuriant cushions and chairs surround the recumbent posture, and servants are at hand to bear the burden of mental distress.

"How different it is in America! The greenroom is as rare as the wild rump steak, and the dressing-room as study, ill-lit, cluttered heated and ventilated; air drafts in every crack, and the cold, and cold-bred and thrived and develop-



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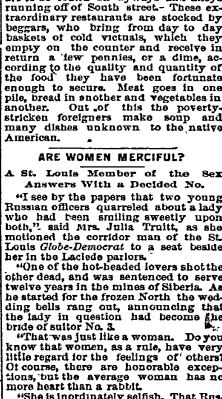
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HEBREW HUCKSTERS SELLING FISH ON SECOND STREET.

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