

A ROMANTIC CRIME.

The Laciari-Bruzzo Tragedy—Thrilling Story by a San Francisco Detective—The Last Deed of a Professional Assassin.

Since the recent pardon of Mrs. Laciari, convicted of being accessory to the murder of her husband in Visitation Valley, Cal., some points in the case not heretofore known have been brought out.

Mrs. Laciari was a woman whom you would suspect at a look. On the day of the murder she introduced her husband into a ride to Visitation Valley.

On a night Capt. Lees and myself took a walk down to the Italian portion of San Francisco, and not finding any clue to our men, we were returning to the Hall when we were attracted to the Italian coffee saloon still standing on the corner of Merchant and Sansone streets.

He turned and stared at us with a wonderment that we then thought feigned, and jabbered some words in French that were unintelligible to us.

Suddenly he made a grimace, by which we knew that he recognized the name, and in an abstract manner he kept muttering, "Bruzzo, Bruzzo?"

"Yes, zair, I understand, Bruzzo," he said in his letter from Sacramento to us.

While we were in Davi's room we heard a conversation about a man who, from the general aspect, which he was described, we knew must be Bruzzo.

On the day of our arrival at the latter place, as I was strolling along one of the streets, I turned a corner rather abruptly and went plump against Bruzzo.

How are you, Bruzzo?" he asked, and replied, with the interrogatory of, "Who are you?"

I told him, and said he had bet come along with me. To conclude, we brought him to San Francisco; he was tried, and with the others was sentenced to the State Prison for life.

His confession revealed him to be one of the blackest scoundrels on earth. He said that before coming to this country from Italy he had followed the profession of an assassin, and had put an end to the existence of more than one person.

When the guilty wife and her husband appeared, he had reached a convenient distance, he stepped from his place of concealment, and as he did so the wife ran from the husband's side.

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AN ISLAND OF SILVER.

Remarkable Discovery on the North Shore of Lake Superior—An Argentinian Island Consisting of 70 Per Cent. of Ore.

We have before alluded to the silver island of the north shore of Lake Superior. In the British possessions, just below Thunder Cape, and some fifteen miles beyond Fort William.

It was only this last summer that Captain F. and his company completed their bargain with the Montreal company for the island, and secured it by paying, or agreeing to pay, \$250,000 for the entire 108,000 acres.

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FASHION NOTES.

Costumes for Fall and Winter Wears. Those who are in the confidence of the modistes, and that French serge is much preferred to the English.

New autumn costumes are made in soft woolen fabrics that are at once light, warm and elegant. Of these satins de chine and cashmere are the favorites.

Tartan plushes and Victoria plaids are very handsome for young girls. The most stylish suits of the season are made with a single skirt and a long full polonaise or cascade. The skirt may be of black and the cascade colored, or the order reversed.

The latest style of basque has two darts and a side-form in the front, with double-side-forms in the back and a seam down the centre.

Round waists are rapidly giving place to points and positions. Corsettes are now somewhat higher than they were during the summer, and are finished at the neck with narrow bias bands.

Bodies seem likely for the season to remain open in front, either square or heart-shaped. Sleeves are now made wide or half wide, with tight undersleeves for day wear and open lace ones for evening.

A new style of sleeves is called the Duchess. It is rather close fitting, open nearly to the elbow, and caught together with bows. It may be trimmed either with lace or fringe.

Black and colored velvet ribbons are as much used as bias bands for trimming. Shaded velvet and moss trimmings are very fashionable.

Grebe trimming will be very much worn on cloth and velvet suits, and when mounted with a seal-skin border it makes an excellent and durable trimming.

Fringes are in endless variety; plain, coupe and platted, and headed with pimp, passementerie, guipure or velvet. Many of the fringes are very elegant.

Among the novelties in solid garniture are medallions of every form for dress and cloak trimmings. Some of the passementerie trimmings so much in vogue this fall are exceedingly rich, and can hardly be distinguished from silk embroidery.

English embroidery has been revived, and is much used for trimming silk and cashmere. A new style of panner is the "Cavalier," square or rounded in front, with three or four rows of open hemstitch, divided by narrow stitched bands of plain canvas, with cuffs to match, and narrow Valenciennes lace on the edge.

Hats—Gypsy, Franco-tiour and Tyrols—are all worn high, with turned-up brim. Those that are turned up, with velvet or darker shades, are quite small—not exceeding one-twentieth. Eye-witnesses of intelligence, judgment, and experience report that Captain Frew will probably take out of silver, up to the opening of navigation next spring, from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 in money value.

The French Peasantry. A letter to an English paper speaks as follows of the acts of the French peasantry in the war:

Meaning the peasantry seem to be taking the opportunity of the late sowing their crops, and between the two fortresses, and all round the larger ones, agricultural operations are in active progress, while those engaged in them were within easy shot of either belligerent. The cool inactivity of the peasantry in this respect reminded me of the behavior of the Chinese under somewhat similar circumstances.

To Young Men.—Let the business of every one alone, and attend to your own. Don't buy what you don't want. Use every hour to advantage, and study to make a leisure hour useful. Look over your books regularly. If a stroke of misfortune comes upon your business, retrench, work harder, but never fly the track. Confront difficulties with unflinching perseverance, and you will be honored; but shrink, and you will be despised.

Mrs. Stewart of Providence, R. I., lost her life by means of a blunder made by an apothecary's clerk in that city recently. Corrosive sublimate was substituted for calomel, and was sufficient to kill five persons, was taken by the unfortunate patient.

A man in Milwaukee, engaged in the construction of a six-bladed horse and a leather frying-pan, was taken to a lunatic asylum.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

HINTS REGARDING COAL FIRES.—As the season for keeping continuous coal fires is fast approaching, some suggestions as to their management may not be out of place.

Anthracite coal is a carbonaceous mineral, containing a larger percentage of carbon than many carbonaceous substances found in large masses. In rare cases this percentage is as high as ninety or ninety-five, but generally less.

That one great mistake in starting a coal fire is the general practice of "scrapping" the amount of kindling; be generous in this respect and an excellent glowing coal fire will result in a few minutes.

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