

**THE RIVIERA ROAD.**

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could scarcely breathe. She clasped her hands to her breast, and for a long time remained motionless, tears stinging her eyes, a dizziness swaying through her. After a while she grew calmer and began a prayer.

When at length she rose, the old guide was standing near her, the candles almost burned out in her shaking hands.

On the rail above the bench stood a contribution cup. Madeleine saw it, and a sudden sharp happiness went through her. For only a second she hesitated; then, putting her hand inside her dress, she drew out the chamois-skin packet of jewels, and dropped it, just as it was, into the cup.

"We'll never need them," she reasoned. "I don't want jewels any more. That life is all past now. She needs them more than we do."

In the church above, Raoul walked about restlessly. He was not impatient with waiting; they had plenty of time; but fear kept invading his mind. He knew that nobody had followed them; that they were perfectly safe. But suppose something went wrong, and they were found out—traced—and Madeleine borne down with him under all that might result? There wouldn't be any peace for either of them again. They'd never get free of the things they'd done.

And suppose the bills were marked, after all? He hadn't examined them carefully to see...

Without a lot of money you couldn't play high; without playing high he and Madeleine would be almost poor. He hated to admit it to himself. His own money didn't amount to much, though he could count on it regularly. But then there were the jewels. Madeleine had said she wouldn't wear them, even reset. With care they could dispose of them at a fair price. Then he made up his mind. People didn't look for marked money in church poor-boxes.

He drew the roll of stolen bills from an inner pocket and commenced stripping them off in handfuls, and stuffing them into every box he found. He worked quickly, going about the church looking for more and more boxes—boxes for masses, for the sick, for the support of the church itself. Soon there were no bills left. He stood against a pillar and considered what he'd done.

Madeleine found him there. The light had almost faded from the windows. She could not see the expression of his face, nor could he see hers. Together they went out into the dusk, through the narrow street toward the car. Raoul had taken Madeleine's arm, and was helping her over the rough cobblestones. He leaned close to her protectingly, and asked her how she felt. She did not speak, but pressed his arm for answer.

Raoul switched on the car's lights, and got the robes ready. Before helping Madeleine in he could not keep from questioning her.  
"Have you—everything all right? You're sure the jewels are—pinned safely into your dress?"  
She stood in the street in the gathering darkness and faced him.  
"Oh, my dear," she said, "I'll have to tell you. You mustn't be so very angry. And I wished to—I couldn't help it. I left them. They're in the church. We'll never want them, with all the money—"

Then she saw that he was standing stiffly before her, not moving at all and not saying a word; and she was afraid.  
"Raoul—you're angry—something do mind!" she cried. "Say—something! What is the matter, my dear?"  
Then he reached out and put his hands on her shoulders.  
"There's nothing the matter." He spoke in a very low voice. "There's nothing at all the matter. Only—don't you see—we're free! We're absolutely free. We don't have to be afraid of anything now!"  
"But I don't understand—"  
"The money—it might have been marked, you know—and I left it in the church poor-boxes." He sighed. "It's a great relief."  
She lifted her face, trying to see his through the dark.  
"I'm so happy!" she whispered.—By Bernice Kenyon.

**Water Hydrants Should be Inspected to Avoid Freezing Up in Winter.**

As autumn approaches the necessity for careful inspection of fire hydrants for imperfections and leaks becomes more important, says the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee. It is only a comparatively short time before in many localities freezing weather will prevail, and if the barrel contains water through leaks or imperfect drainage, serious trouble will result and bad freeze-ups will occur.

There is nothing that will increase the danger of the spread of fire more than a frozen or defective hydrant. These important adjuncts to fire fighting are generally under the care of the water department whose responsibility it is to have them ready for the use of the firemen at all times. One of the principal reasons for the hydrant failures in time of need is freezing.

This can only be avoided by careful, thorough and frequent inspections by men delegated to this work by the water department. At the slightest indication of trouble, these men must see to it that the hydrant is at once repaired, put into working condition and kept so.

The performance of this work must be quick and thorough. A fire hydrant must not be out of service any length of time, or serious danger to the city may result. A conflagration may even follow upon the failure of two or three hydrants to function.

**Long Trek of Mennonites.**

Not since the Pilgrims boarded the Mayflower at Delft Haven for New England has there been, it is claimed, such a migration of a religious body as that which is now coming to an end in South America. This is the trek of a large body of Mennonites from the cold plains of Western Canada to the tropical plains and forests of Paraguay, where a hospitable government has accepted them on their own terms. The Mennonites are a sect which acknowledges only the authority of the Bible, refuses to bear arms or take oath, postpones baptism until after confession of faith, and dislikes all forms of church hierarchy. They have sought refuge in various parts of Europe, in Canada, and in some parts of this country, and in some instances have encountered difficulties because of their beliefs and their refusal to accept the generally recognized responsibilities of citizenship. Those who migrated to Canada have not found the conditions of life and the climate suitable. Week by week, in groups of from three to four hundred, composed of entire families, writes Dr. Webster Browning in the Missionary Review of the World, these people are arriving at the port of Buenos Ayres, and are immediately continuing their journey to their new home, 1,750 miles inland, by the great river of the Parana. It is stated, says Dr. Browning, who is educational secretary of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, that within a few years a total of 100,000 men, women and children will have arrived and taken possession of the land which has been allotted to them by a special law of Paraguay. This grant, we read, lies on the eastern slopes of the Andes and along the Paraguay River. The company which is financing the movement has purchased 3,000,000 acres of ideally located and fertile land.

An unusual charter has been granted by the Paraguayan government to the Mennonites. According to its terms they receive considerations which it is said they have not been able to obtain elsewhere, such as exemption from military service, the right to conduct their own schools and churches in their own language, freedom from taking an oath and the absolute control of the colony by themselves.—Littitz Record.

**Police Horses Called Best-Trained Animals.**

"The mount of the New York mounted cop is not merely a horse; he's perhaps the best bred, finest-trained animal in existence," writes Gurney Williams in an article in the American Boy magazine on these "four-footed cops." According to Mr. Williams about 25 horses are purchased for the service each year, either from special dealers or from the open market. The police department is allowed by the city \$325 for the purchase of each horse, which must be from four to eight years old, and weigh 1,000 to 1,150 pounds, and be 15½ to 16 hands high, and have a long mane and tail. When the recruit comes into the training stable, says Mr. Williams, he's put on probation for ten days, and, if any minor fault prevents his use at the end of that time, he is allowed ten more days. It takes from 20 to 60 days to train a horse, and at the end of that time even the toughest horse is safe to ride—if he's handled right. Horses that are unruly are put in a special harness, called the cavesson, which forces the animal to assume the correct position. With the aid of this cavesson the horse is taught to walk, trot and canter properly. Then he is taught his passages, that is, to walk sideways like a crib.

Mr. Williams points out that this trick is very useful in handling a mob, as the average mob is afraid of the police horses, although they never get stepped on, kicked or bitten. Stopping properly is the next performance the horse is taught. Many of the horses have also learned to trot backward, although these tricks are not required. The training program is not complete, however, until the horse can jump and has ceased to be afraid of fire. The average length of service of police horses, according to the writer is 12 years, although one horse at present has seen eighteen years of traffic duty.—Ex.

**Auto License Tags.**

All motorists in Pennsylvania are urged by the State Department of Highways to register any changes of address with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at once.

In making the announcement Benjamin G. Eynon, Register of Motor Vehicles, pointed out that the department will begin the mailing of the 1928 plates about October 17.

Eynon also called attention to the fact that the postoffice authorities will not mail or forward any plates from one address to another. Eynon explained that this rule would be in effect because license plates are sent as fourth class mail, which is not forwardable.

Eynon called attention of motorists to the fact that if license plates are returned to the department they will not be mailed until the motorist has filled out and sent in form 1122 for change of address.

In making this announcement Eynon called attention to the fact that the notice of change must show whether the operator's permit address is to be changed as well as the registration.

License plate applications will be placed in the mails about October 1, Eynon said, and further announced that application for operators' permits will be mailed about January 1.

Last year, Eynon said, 70,000 renewal applications were returned for better address. This resulted, it was explained, in an average of two letters in each case before the application reached the applicant involving a postage expense of \$2,000 in addition to stenographic and stationery expenses.

**Talks With The Editor**

This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

**Gosh, What a Bottle of Scotch Will Do.**

The following from a correspondent in Harrisburg speaks—we should say reads—for itself. We have rarely seen such progressively cumulative evidence of the effects of Scotch and are wondering whether the writer finished his bottle before he did his letter or whether he had sense enough to save a little to revive the "hang over" he must have had next morning.—Ed.

Harrisburg, Oct. 10, 1927.

I have been presented with a fine bottle of Scotch Whiskey and it is before me as I sit at my typewriter and indite this letter to you. What right has any form of law to make me a criminal if I partake of this gift as it was intended that I do by the giver?

I have just tasted this bottle of liquor. I will confide to you, and I cannot see where or how I am invading the rights of any other person on earth. I cannot feel, Mr. Editor, that I have wronged the community or added to the lawlessness of general society in doing so. I like a little drink, and now I have taken a third, or maybe it is a fourth, and I am more than ever convinced that any man that doesn't id a big idiot. You say that is evasion of the law is producing a state of affairs in our Great and Glorious country. You are wrong. This country is just as good as it ever was and was a great deal better and will leave it to you if it wasn't when we hadn't free rum.

I wasn't to say to you that this scotch is all right. A lot of it wouldn't do us harm. When we need stimulant we ended it.

My grandfather was brought up on rum. They had it in the house all the time. They drank it freely and even the minnow drink it when he came to our house. It's pretty kind of a clement when a grandson is better than his grandfather. I can drink this sort of scotch all day and not be no worse a citizen that I was before. I could drink his whole wuget and nigger quiber en etelash.

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**Wasps Imported to Fight Asiatic Beetle.**

Wasps brought from Chosen, in the Far East, to the United States have been put to work on Long Isl. and in an attack on the Asiatic beetle, a crop pest rapidly spreading in this country, the Department of Agriculture announced. The wasps were shipped this summer in specially prepared tins containing food and water for the journey. Twenty days enroute, 80 percent of the wasps arrived in good condition.

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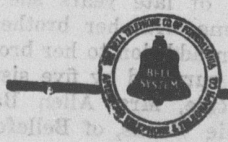
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