

THE STOLEN DIAMOND

A CRIMINAL who has any peculiarity about his person, such as a missing finger, a club foot, or any mark made by his trade, such as the mark on the hand of a barber, where the scissors had constantly pressed against the root of his thumb, should be careful lest these means of identification are not the means of his downfall.

I had just returned from the continent, where I had been sent in connection with the duchess of Montone's stolen jewels, and was prepared to enjoy a rest, when I received a wire from my chief asking me to report at once.

Mr. Middleton's place was somewhere up the Hudson, and I set out at once.

When I arrived I was at once taken to Mr. Middleton, who appeared very much upset over the affair, not so much, as he assured me, on account of the value of the stone, but it had been so long in the family and had had so much to do with the history of the family, having been passed down as an heirloom from one generation to another, that he viewed the loss as a great calamity.

The next morning before going downstairs she thought she would see if it was all right, and was astonished to find the casket empty. There were many guests in the house, and at my request I was to be introduced as a friend of Mr. Middleton.

I was then taken to the drawing-room and introduced to most of the guests, among them the three new acquaintances. I gained nothing that night, and noticed nothing suspicious about any of the guests.

"Now," I said to him, "have you noticed anything peculiar about any of the guests? No matter how trifling it may appear to you, it may be the means of providing me with a clue."

In the evening I had another talk with the man and asked him to give me an account of everything that happened on the night of the robbery. He told me that the gentleman had been out all day and in the evening Mr. Middleton had sent an order to him to bring some apples into the drawing-room; these apples were of a special kind grown on the place.

I made a mental note of these

facts. Later on I had a chat with Mr. Dane, and, being myself something of an authority on dynamics, I was able to interest him. I was looking at him closely all the time we were talking.

I did not connect Mr. Dane with the robbery; in fact, I had up to this time not the slightest suspicion of a clue. It was early the next morning that I was put on the scent. I had visited the lawn under the window of the room from which the diamond had been stolen, and was looking to see if I could find any trace of footprints on the beds or the lawn.

After she had left the room, leaving the diamond in the casket, he had gone in, and, when opening the box, had put the apple down, and not knowing exactly what to do with it, had opened the window, which opened after the fashion of a door, and had thrown it down on the grass below.

On the evening of that day, I watched for the appearance of Mr. Dane with a certain amount of excitement. I felt as though I was going to find the diamond that night.

It seemed a terrible long game, but at last it was finished, and he made his way to the smoking-room, while I made my way to his bedroom. I locked and locked the door and then started to try the various keys.

I examined it very carefully, and discovered the head of a small nail driven into the heel from the side, and, as this could serve no purpose there, and, moreover, as it was blackened over so that it could hardly be seen without very close inspection.

I took it out and looked at it by the light of the candle. It was a magnificent stone, and I could see of immense value.

At this moment some one tried the door, and I fancied I heard an exclamation of rage and then a hurrying of feet downstairs. I rushed toward the door and was just in time to see Mr. Dane disappearing out of a door which led into the grounds.

Mr. Middleton would not at first believe it was Mr. Dane who stole the diamond, but when I showed him the shoe with a sliding heel, he realized how his confidence had been abused.

So you see that criminals should be very careful if they have any part of their anatomy missing, even if it is only the half of a tooth. Mr. Dane is still in the stone business, but he is in Sing Sing—Vidocq, in N. Y. Independent.

For Charity's Sake. It has been suggested that all English theaters give one matinee a year in aid of theatrical charities.



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"The place to take the true measure of a man is not in the market or in the amen corner, not in the field or forum, but at his own fireside. There he lays aside the mask and you may learn whether he is an imp or an angel, king or cur, hero or humbug. I care not what the world says of him, whether it crowns him with glory or pelts him with bad eggs. I care not a copper what his religion would be. If his babies dread his home coming and his better half swallows her heart every time she has to ask for a five dollar bill, he is a fraud of the first water, even though he prays night and morning until he is black in the face and shouts hallelujah until he shakes the eternal hills.

But if the children run to the front gate to meet him, and love's own sunshine illuminates the face of his wife when she hears his footsteps, you can take it for granted that he is true gold—his home is heaven—and the humbug never gets that near the throne of God. He may be a rank atheist and a red flag anarchist, and a Mormon, and a Mugwump; he may buy votes and bet on elections; he may deal from the bottom and drink beer until he can't tell a silver dollar from a circular saw, and still he is better than the man who is all suavity, but who makes his home hell—who vents on the heads of his helpless wife and children the ill nature he would like to inflict on his fellow men but dares not. I can forgive much in that fellow mortal who would rather make men swear than women weep; would rather have the hate of the world than the contempt of his wife; who would rather call anger to the eye of a king than fear the face of a child."

Reduced Rates to the Seaboard.

Annual Low Rate Excursions to Atlantic City, etc., via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Pennsylvania Railroad low-rate ten-day excursions for the present season from North Bend, Troy, Bellefonte, Williamsport, Mocaqua, Sunbury, Shenandoah, Dauphin, and principal intermediate stations (including stations on branch roads), to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Anglesea, Wildwood, or Holly Beach, will be run on Thursdays, August 14, and 28.

Excursion tickets, good to return by regular trains within ten days, will be sold at very low rates. Tickets to Atlantic City will be sold via the Delaware River Bridge Route, the only all rail line, or via Market Street Wharf, Philadelphia.

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For information in regard to specific rates and time of trains consult hand bills, or apply to agents, or E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

The rules sent out by the Health Department in regard to sunstroke are good things to clip and pin up in a conspicuous place this time of the year. Sunstroke is more apt to occur on the second, third or fourth day of a heated term than on the first. Loss of sleep, worry, excitement, close sleeping rooms, debility, abuse of stimulants, predispose to it. It is more apt to attack those working in the sun, and especially between the hours of 11 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. On hot days wear thin clothing. Have as cool sleeping rooms as possible. Avoid loss of sleep and all unnecessary fatigue. Do not check perspiration, but drink what water you need to keep it up, as perspiration keeps the body from being overheated. Have, whenever possible, an additional shade, as a thin umbrella when walking. Any one overcome by the heat should be immediately removed to the nearest shade, and the collar of shirt or dress loosened. Send immediately for the nearest physician, and give the person cool drinks of water, black tea or coffee, if able to swallow. If the skin is hot and dry, place the person in a sitting position against a tree, wall or anything that will be a support to the back; sponge with or pour cold water over the body and limbs, and apply to the head pounded ice wrapped in a towel or other cloth. If there is no ice on hand, keep a cold cloth on the head and pour cold water on it as well as on the body. If the person is pale, very faint and pulse feeble, lay him on the back let him inhale ammonia for a few seconds, or give him a teaspoonful of aromatic spirits of ammonia or tincture of ginger in two tablespoonfuls of water. Use no cold water upon the head or body, but rub the hands and feet and apply warm applications to the same until the circulation is restored.

Peat Good Substitute for Coal. As the anthracite coal miners' strike continues and the price of coal advances, it is suggested that peat might be substituted, to a certain extent, at least, for anthracite or bituminous coal. Peat abounds in Western New York. On the bog lands of Orleans, Erie, Monroe, Niagara and Genesee there are immense formations of peat, as rich as any found in Ireland, Scotland or Germany. Treated with petroleum by an expensive process, the peat would furnish a fuel the equal in heat producing powers to anthracite, and in many respects superior to hard coal.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pa., and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and State aforesaid, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1902, at two o'clock p. m. All that certain piece or lot of ground situate in the town of Bloomsburg in the county of Columbia, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a point in the westwardly line of Magee Avenue, forty-two feet northwardly from the line of Sixth street; thence westwardly parallel with Sixth street seventy feet; thence southwardly parallel with Magee Avenue fourteen feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Sixth street seventy feet to Magee Avenue; and thence by Magee Avenue northwardly fourteen feet to the place of beginning, whercon is erected a

BRICK DWELLING HOUSE. Seized, taken in execution at the suit of Mary E. Purcell vs. James Magee 2nd and to be sold as the property of James Magee 2nd.

DANIEL KNORR, Sheriff.

WIDOW'S APPRAISMENTS.

The following Widow's Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia county on the first Monday of September, A. D. 1902, and confirmed, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute.

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By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia Co., Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m. All the following described property to wit: A house and lot situate in the township of Catawissa, county and state aforesaid on the road leading from the Borough of Catawissa, known as the "Hollow Road". The said house is 16x21 feet, two stories high and is occupied by Daniel H. Fisher, owner and contractor.

Seized, and taken in execution at the suit of Clinton W. Harder vs. Daniel H. Fisher, owner and contractor and to be sold as the property of Daniel H. Fisher, owner and contractor.

DANIEL KNORR, Sheriff.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on the 25th day of August, A. D. 1902, by William F. Adams, Christian A. Small, J. K. Sharpless, L. C. Mensch, Warren S. Sharpless and Jacob W. Adams under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Adams Cigar and Tobacco Company" the charter and object of which is for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, or otherwise disposing of cigars and tobacco made from tobacco, or any other material known to the trade, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Rebecca F. Harman, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Rebecca F. Harman, late of the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia, Pa., deceased, have been granted to J. Lee Harman and John G. Harman, residents of said town, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to J. LEE HARMAN, JOHN G. HARMAN, Executors.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, on Thursday, the fourteenth day of August, 1902, by J. L. Harman, J. G. Harman, M. Hassert and others, under the act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Harman & Hassert," the character and object of which is the manufacture of iron and steel, or both, or of any other metal, or of any article of commerce from metal, or wood, or both, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said act of Assembly and its supplements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Albert C. Achenbach, late of Orange Township, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Albert C. Achenbach, late of Orange Township, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Oscar Achenbach, residing in said township, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to OSCAR ACHENBACH, Administrator.

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