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### MARY MILES MINTER AND THE "KISS" LETTER



This much-discussed letter, said to have been found among the effects of William Desmond Taylor, murdered motion-picture director, is pronounced by the Los Angeles police as being authentic. Worked into the emblematic design of a butterfly at the top of the note paper is the name "Mary Miles Minter." The drawing is the work of Miss Minter, although when confronted with the "Kiss" letter she refused to identify it.

### ST. VALENTINE MAIL FILLS POSTAL BAGS

Swarthmore Students Devise Clever Stunt Based on Old Roman Custom

### FRESHIES ARE THE VICTIMS

This is the day when hearts entwined and fat, pink little cupid drawings are mailed. When the annual guessing contest takes place to determine if you can make anything out of the flavor of tobacco or tutti-frutti on the stamp, who sent the amorous epistle; when teacher finds an unflattering representation of herself stuck in her top drawer where she keeps the apples—when, well, to cut it short, it's St. Valentine's Day.

The rumor is entirely unfounded that the late unlamented postal Administration started St. Valentine's Day to swell the daily receipts. As a matter of fact, the practice of sending valentines goes all the way back to the ancient Roman feast of the Lupercalia, which was held at this time of year.

At that time it was customary to place all the names of the local beauties in a large urn, to which it was the duty of every young man in the vicinity to repair and make a blind selection. He would march up, stick in his thumb, like the well-known Mr. J. Horner, and pull out—not a plum—but a peach—if lucky.

The lady so selected was henceforth recognized as his sweetie for the period of one year.

Roman Idea Changed  
Later on the happy idea struck the fathers of the Church that by substituting the names of saints for the names of ladies the young men might be induced to emulate the virtues of the holy men whom they chanced to draw. They accordingly adopted the custom and called the occasion St. Valentine's Day in honor of a martyr of the Church who was killed in 270 A. D. by the pagan Romans, following a very unusual miracle about which they had some doubts.

Having little considering of any of Hoyle's modern rules of etiquette, old St. "Val" brushed aside each beary-eyed freshman as he opened his room door and made the startling classroom kneel in his presence, then, with eyes closed, placed his right hand in the magic crystal bowl.

"Draw forth one folded, elusive bearing from the magic crystal, whom thou shalt serve—obey each command—for the next twelve months," boomed St. "Val."

He found considerable courage to command, inasmuch as a squad of two husky Swarthmore seniors stood by to see that his wishes were properly fulfilled.

With a "Here goes!" the freshman pulled forth the massive bearing the name of his valentine, and in turn was introduced to a tall, husky senior—his valentine. And, in pursuance of the century-old custom, the "freshie" with alacrity obeyed the wishes of his six-foot valentine by bustling forth to fetch books and pencil, bow in humble fashion and somewhat his way back to his room.

Bedpost rappee, pajama dances a la classic, thrilled and pleased the senior valentines, who chorled with glee and applauded for more and new stunts with seemingly unappeasable desire for entertainment.

### Four New Witnesses in Taylor Mystery

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Taylor had supplied whisky and drugs for several women of the screen. The prosecutor also looked over the dead man's check book and found that a dramatic critic in Los Angeles had received \$200 a week, that others were receiving lesser sums and that certain actresses had found Taylor generous.

Woolwine also planned to question all who accepted these sums. He was particularly curious about the critic. Did he know something about Taylor that he should be so lavishly paid? Was that \$200 a week buying the critic's silence in the matter of stupid pictures or of other things? These were questions that some persons asked.

Bar Minter and Normand Films  
Lynn, Mass., Feb. 14.—Motion-picture theatres here have discontinued showing pictures featuring Mary Miles Minter and Mabel Normand, whose names have been mentioned in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor. The action was taken at the request of the city's board of censors.

### SHORE HOTEL TO BE SOLD

St. Charles, Atlantic City, Will Be Disposed Of by Receiver

Atlantic City, Feb. 14.—The St. Charles Hotel, the big beach-front property at the foot of St. Charles place, will be sold at auction on Saturday afternoon.

The sale will be conducted by Martin V. Bergen, of Camden, advisory master in chancery, acting as attorney for Counselor Norman Grey, of Camden, receiver appointed by the United States District Court in Trenton.

Three bids are said to be ready for submission, which will run more than a million and a quarter dollars. Harry Latz, of the Mack Latz Company, present lessee of the Alhambra Hotel, will be one bidder. A syndicate headed by ex-United States Senator Dick C. Ohio, is also after the property. The stockholders are also said to be reorganizing to save the hotel.

### LEWIS GIVES BUDGET PLAN

Addresses State Reorganization Board After Its Ten-Day Recess

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 14.—(By A. P.)—The State Reorganization Commission today resumed hearings after a ten-day intermission, during which some of the members conducted investigations of their own.

Auditor General Lewis, first official to be heard, explained his proposition for establishment of a budget system for the State Government. He went over his experiences in his department since taking charge of that branch of the Government.

### NO JUSTICE IN THIS TOWN

Prisoners Jailed Indefinitely, as No Magistrate is Available

Elwood City, Pa., Feb. 14.—(By A. P.)—All persons arrested here within the last few days must remain in jail indefinitely because there is no regularly constituted authority to dispose of their cases.

Burgess Swick is ill, one justice of the peace is on a vacation and the other justice, recently appointed, has not yet qualified. Among the prisoners are two men charged with drunkenness.

### SEE HUGE SWINDLE LED BY BISCHOFF

Police Believe Losses in Three Chicago Companies May Pass \$6,500,000

### SUSPECT JOINT WORKING

By the Associated Press  
Chicago, Feb. 14.—Investigation of the dealings of the Western Land Operators' Company, the third concern raided by authorities within three days and believed by them to have swindled foreign-born citizens of more than \$1,500,000, was under way here today by Government agents.

Within three days gigantic alleged swindles totaling approximately \$6,500,000, according to estimates by officers, were disclosed with the arrest Saturday of Raymond J. Bischoff and the arrests yesterday of three employees of the Western Land Operators' Association and three employees of the American Novaculite Company.

Leslie Harrington, said by police to be the moving spirit in the affairs of the American Novaculite Company, and Charles Ulrich and Charles Phillips, general manager and president of the Western Land Operators' Company, are being sought by the police.

Suspect Hurd Swindles  
The raid on the offices of the Western Land Operators' Company was made last night upon complaint of Sidney Banes, attorney, representing 300 creditors.

The investigators indicated today that the total losses to the families who invested their savings in the companies may run much higher than the figure now set at \$6,500,000.

Hired Bischoff's Own Men  
He hired many of Bischoff's own men, paying them more money, and rented a suite at a large hotel recently, they said. He attracted much attention Thanksgiving and Christmas Day when he gave dinners to 200 overseas men. Last July he gave a Lithuanian picnic, which was attended by 10,000 persons.

At a meeting of Harrington's forty field agents last Sunday a Lithuanian policeman, who is said to have invested \$7000 in Harrington notes, fired several shots into the ceiling and departed with \$7000 in cash.

Luke Byrne, \$50 a week president of the \$5,000,000 concern, and Thomas Moran, secretary, met Harrington at a dinner, they said, and later were given positions.

M. P. West, arrested in Aurora, Col., in connection with the Western Land Operators' Company investigation, is said to have started his venture here last August. To the investor he held forth an attractive proposition which would yield 100 per cent in six months, they said. His regular interest rate was \$4 monthly on \$100.

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