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TRUE ART OF ADVERTISING

Man in Burglar's Mask Was Only Introducing Patent Safety Alarm and Preventer.

As I opened the door I saw a man with a burglar's mask kneeling before the safe. The next moment he had turned and shoved a revolver into my face.

"Throw up your hands!" he said. I did so.

"You understand," he remarked pleasantly, "that I can in the present circumstances loot the premises at my pleasure?"

I confessed that he could.

"You realize that you are at my mercy?"

"I do," I replied.

"You acknowledge that I can blow you to kingdom come if I like?" he persisted.

"Certainly," I admitted.

"Well, then," he said, "you will be interested to know that I got in without difficulty through your parlor window. Had it been equipped with Smith's patent safety burglar alarm and preventer this could not have happened. Installed, complete with batteries, for \$25. Allow me to hand you a circular. Good night, sir."

Then, pocketing his revolver, he withdrew.

AMBIGUOUS



Gertrude—I'm having an awful trial with my husband. He drinks something terrible.

Ellen—I never believed in these trial marriages, anyway.

Work of Gothic Sculptors.

The Gothic sculptors produced crude and grotesque carvings from a technical standpoint, but they were the first to attempt intimate speech in art addressed to the common people, and both Rosellino and Giotto with their clever followers are heirs of the humbler craftsmen who broke the bonds of convention to immortalize the homeliness and variety of daily experience and common types of human nature.

Money Question from Woman's View.

Most men trust their wives with their hearts, but draw the line at their pocketbooks. Some day I am going to write a book on the righteousness of a husband giving his wife a regular allowance and never asking her to account for it. Better still, a common purse and let her help herself. As long as any woman works for her clothes and board and lives on bounty she is a serf.—Exchange.

LABOR LEADER IS CHALLENGED

Fredericks Says Gompers Can Open McNamara's Lips
URGES PURGING OF LABOR

"Mere Superficial Request from Gompers Means Nothing"—Clancy Second to Make Confession.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Captain John D. Fredericks, district attorney of Los Angeles county, has issued a direct challenge to Samuel Gompers, in the course of an interview, to unseat the dynamiter J. J. McNamara, the dynamiter.

"Gompers does not know of the existence of this cancer in labor union," said Fredericks. "Let him appeal to J. J. McNamara, in the way we best know how, to unseat his lips and expose the extent and ramifications of the disease in order that it may be rooted out for all time."

"A mere superficial public request from Gompers to McNamara in San Quentin prison means nothing. Gompers can open this man's lips. The result will determine whether the attempt was made in good faith."

Fredericks declared that the seal of the dynamiter is hanging suspended over union labor and that the movement will be indelibly stamped on it unless union men seize the opportunity now presented to them to unseat the dynamiter and the labor leader in such manner that the world will be convinced of their good faith.

According to information from a high official source, it was Eugene A. Conroy, the indicted San Francisco labor leader, who made the second astounding confession that has been made public in the nation-wide campaign. According to the information, Conroy is a former member of the executive board of the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

Conroy made a complete confession of his connection with the dynamiting plot on the Pacific coast and has implicated many labor leaders.

AN HONORABLE CRIMINAL.

Act Would Seem to Earn Substantial Commutation.

Salem, O.—Honor bound to return to receive out his life sentence as soon as he had earned money to pay off a debt he owed his father-in-law, William Mack, a back in the penitentiary again after an absence of six months. Mack is serving a sentence for the slaying of George Carter at Grants Pass, Ore. That he might have money to defend himself at the trial his father-in-law mortgaged his home.

Governor West learned that Mack's family was destitute. Bidding the prisoner to go out and earn enough to pay off the mortgage and provide something for his family the governor released Mack with only the man's word of security.

THAWS NOT DISPLEASED.

Change at Matteawan Does Not Dampen Their Hopes.

Matteawan, N. Y.—The appointment of Dr. May to the State Lunacy Commission and the bright prospects of Dr. James V. Russell, assistant superintendent of the asylum, to succeed him, has not dampened the hopes of Harry K. Thaw or his mother, but the very Pittsburgher will ultimately obtain his release from the institution.

Dr. May has been appointed president of the State Lunacy Commission, and Dr. Russell therefore becomes acting superintendent of the institution and will hold the position until a civil service examination can be held. Dr. Russell's his practice has been in charge of the Matteawan institution for a long time, his opinion plain upon him the active management of the hospital. His ideas and theories as to the care of the insane are virtually the same as Dr. May's.

RICHESON IS PLAYING FOXEY.

Evidently Laying Pipes for Successful Insanity Plea.

Boston, Mass.—The strange conduct the past few days of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, charged with the murder by cyanide of potassium of Avis Linnell, his fiancée, is being advanced by his friends as grounds for the belief that the minister is insane.

Richeson, who has apparently recovered from his recent operation, called his fiancée Butts a nigger, who is accused of murder, his "Man Friday." He has told Butts that when they are liberated they will go to Virginia on a plantation.

There is a growing belief among some of the authorities that the mind of the clergyman has gone wrong and among others that he is "faking" for future effect.

Meritorious Servo Recognized.

Boston, Mass.—Meritorious service during the past year was recognized by the Boston Elevated Rail Road Company which owns the entire surface, subway and elevated systems of passenger transportation by the distribution of upward of \$50,000 among its car service men who have made record like records during the year of 1911. About 3,500 men shared in the gifts.

Resumed After Long Shutdown.

Sharon, Pa.—The Mercer works of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company at South Sharon will resume operations on Monday, January 8, affecting about 300 men. The five sheet mills will be started and three turns will be worked. This mill has been idle for 15 months.

Cup's Bad Year in Butler.

Butler, Pa.—Jan Cupid is short a full 100 in the marriage clerk's office for 1911 as compared with 1910. The failure to keep up to the standard is attributed to business depression.

Schwab Also to "Ring Up."

South Bethlehem, Pa.—To put a stop to the late arrival and early departure from work of his hunkies, Charles Schwab, president of the company, has established a rule that no hunkie shall be allowed to leave the plant until 10 o'clock.

Attitude and Art.

Fewer people nowadays pretend to be reading when they get their picture magazines. Still, there are those who are still in the habit of reading them for amusement.

WILL BE END LAW.

THE STATE IS COLLECTING EVIDENCE AGAINST ALL VIOLATORS.

OVER 300 PRIVATE BANKS

Of the Number Only 105 Have Applied for State License—Strong Recommendation for Grade Crossing Law.

Harrisburg.—State Banking Commissioner William H. Smith said that the state would vigorously defend the new private bank act against the equity proceedings instituted in Philadelphia to test its constitutionality. Attorney General Bell will represent the state banking department in the action, and every effort will be made to secure an early decision.

Meantime, the department is collecting evidence against private bankers who have been doing business without a state license since December 1, when the new law went into effect. Commissioner Smith estimates that there are 300 private banks in the state. Thus far 165 have applied for licenses. The others are mostly small foreign banks.

Grade Crossing Law.

Strong recommendations that a grade crossing law will protect every crossing in the state owned by a steam railroad will be made by the members of the state railroad commission in the annual report which will be completed next month. The subject is one which has been holding considerable attention and statistics at such places will be used to reinforce the recommendations. Such recommendations were made prior to the sessions of 1909 and 1911, but bills embodying the commission's ideas were never passed.

New Hospital Officers.

The flurry over the Shamokin hospital was apparently settled when the trustees organized by electing Gray Herring president and Penn Kembl secretary. Dr. George Resse, who has the endorsement of Governor Tene and Attorney General Bell, was elected superintendent.

Big Governors to Conference.

Harrisburg.—Plans are now being made by the executive and forest departments for issuing a general call for the conference on the chestnut blight to be held here some time in February.

In addition to the invitations which Governor John K. Tener will extend to his fellow governors of affected states, it is probable that several hundred prominent persons who are vitally interested in the work, or who are studying it from a scientific standpoint, will be asked to come here for the occasion.

The general call may be issued by the chestnut blight commission, with the sanction of Governor Tener. The blight commission will hold a meeting as soon as the governor's invitation to other states has been issued and a definite program for the two-day conference will then be mapped out.

The conference will be held in the caucus room at the capitol unless the attendance be too large, in which event it will be adjourned to the house chamber on the second floor.

Wheat in Danger.

State officials who have come back to the capitol from their homes in agricultural counties say that the unusually mild weather and dampness of the last week or so have caused the wheat to spring up and that the general conditions are unfavorable. The ground is being well soaked, but there is nothing to protect it when a cold weather comes. In some sections less snow has fallen than at this time in six or seven years.

Rules Against York Fair.

The state board of education will let the middle of January to close the middle of the new work out in November. Auditor General Gron has refused to give York county any share of state fair money for the York fair, on the ground that gambling devices were permitted. It leaves only the Cambria case to be disposed of.

State Capitol Notes.

The state sinking fund commission has completed the purchase of 27 per cent bonds to the value of \$27,000 and as many more have been offered for redemption. These bonds are part of the issue that will fall due February 1. Over a quarter million dollars' worth have been offered.

Talk of an Extra Session for the Purpose of Apportionment is Scouted by State Officials who said it is a revival of the rumors afloat last fall.


The state railroad commission has advised that the directors of the First National bank at Gratz have accepted the proposition of the Adams Express company, in the matter of retention in the rate for carrying gold and silver between that point and Philadelphia, and the commission is thanked for the valuable service rendered.

Uncle Eben.

"De man dat gits de mos' out o' life," said Uncle Eben, "is de one dat's willin' to jump in an' he's heave cotton while he's down to de dock waitin' for his ship to come in."

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CLEVER ESCAPE OF CONVICT

Prisoner in the Conclergerie Daringly Gains His Freedom and Astonishes All Paris.

A prisoner sentenced the other day at the Seine Assizes to eight years' penal servitude made a sensational escape from the Conclergerie early this morning. When the cells were opened about 7, and the prisoners emerged for exercise, Romeuf came out with the rest. Taking advantage of the warden's back being turned for a moment, he got a fellow prisoner to let him mount on his shoulders, and then, with marvelous agility, he managed to reach the top of the wall, nearly twenty feet high. The top of this was garnished with a "chevaux de frise," but Romeuf, who is a plumber by trade, thought nothing of getting over it. By smashing a window, he made his way into a corridor, and thence into the Palais de Justice, which adjoins the Conclergerie, and in a minute he was a free man. The utmost astonishment is expressed at any one escaping from the Conclergerie. It is famous as the prison where Marie Antoinette and many other of the illustrious prisoners of the Reign of Terror were imprisoned before being led to the scaffold. In more recent times Prince Napoleon, in 1833, and the Duc d'Orleans, in 1830, were detained within its walls.—Paris correspondent London Telegraph.

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WHY THE PRICE WAS HIGH

Sir Joshua Reynolds' Notice of Sketch Made it Worth Vastly More, Said Dealer.

"What do you ask for this sketch?" said Sir Joshua Reynolds to a picture dealer whose portfolio he was examining. "Twenty guineas, Sir Joshua." "Twenty pence, I suppose you mean." "No, sir; I would have taken twenty pence for it this morning, but if you think the drawing worth looking at all the world will think it worth buying."

A London dealer who had made a few trifling purchases at a second-hand furniture shop in the country was leaving it, when he caught his foot in the string of a picture and fell. Having picked himself up, he examined the picture to see if it had been damaged. It had escaped injury, and he found, to his surprise, that in this tripping he had—literally—stumbled upon a print of the duchess of Rutland, after Reynolds, by Valentine Green, in its first state. The dealer bought the print for £4 and afterward disposed of it for £1,000.—From Jeruignham's "Bargain Book."

MADE TARGETS FOR ENEMY

Chinese Soldiers in Battle of Ping Yang All Opened Parasols When It Rained.

No one who has studied the military methods of China will be surprised to learn that "shells" of painted wood have been picked up in the German concession at Hankow. This is truly Chinese. Not so very long ago each soldier was supplied with an oilcloth parasol, and a fan which he tucked up his sleeve. During the battle of Ping Yang, when the rain came on, the parasols were opened and the enemy found the men easy targets, especially as each one wore a large white disk bearing the number of his regiment on his breast and back.

HOW TRUE!

Real "Tumblers."

Originally a tumbler was far from what it is today, and its true meaning has been lost in the many graceful forms in which it is to be seen. What a "tumbler" really is may be inferred from an extract from a gentleman's diary, written in 1803, which also throws light upon the social customs of the times. The entry is as follows: "Had a few friends to dinner. Tried my new tumbling-glasses. Very successful; all got drunk early." These tumbling-glasses, soon called "tumblers" for short, were made with a round or pointed bottom so that they could not be set down when they contained liquids without falling over and spilling their contents. They were made as a sort of joke to conduce to rapid drinking.

Perfume Compounding an Art.

The compounding of perfumes is a distinct branch of chemistry—a perfume maker may be regarded as an artist of chemistry, blending his ingredients with the care of one and the taste and skill of the other profession. Almost all perfumes have as a basis ambergris or civet, and while these materials are most necessary, great care must be exercised in their use, for a grain too much will make the perfume distressingly irritating to the user. The same is true of many combinations of scents, such combinations even producing hysteria in a mild or severe form. If indulged in at all but one distinct scent should be used.

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