

# FINDS \$5 BILLS IN DEAD MAN'S MOUTH

### Arrest Follows Queerest Circumstances Ever Put on a Police Blotter

## WHY MONEY WAS CONCEALED

#### Visitor at Undertaking Shop Called to Seek His Friend's Wealth—Says Currency was Stolen from Sailor with Whom They Were Fishing.

New York City.—Michael Murphy, a driver, of No. 1,332 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, was locked up in Police Headquarters on suspicion of knowing something of the death of Andrew Ericson, of No. 11 Chatham square. Circumstances leading to Murphy's arrest are about the queerest that have ever been recorded on a police blotter.

Ericson was a bartender in "Diamond Dan" O'Rourke's cafe, No. 180 Park row, and Murphy was one of the men who frequented the place. Ericson's body was picked up in the Sound and it was generally believed he had been drowned. Ericson's body was brought to the city and placed in the undertaking establishment conducted by Samuel J. Murphy, at No. 263 Pearl street.

That night Michael Murphy called at the undertaker's and expressed a desire to see Ericson's body.

"Could I see my old pal for a few minutes?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"Certainly," said the undertaker. "He's in the back room."

The two Murphys made their way to the rear of the shop.

"If you don't mind I'd like to be alone with him for a little while," said Murphy, the driver, with some difficulty.

"Take your time," said the undertaker. "I'm in no hurry to close up."

Saying which the undertaker left the visitor alone with his dead friend and went out to the front of the shop. A half hour rolled by, but there was no sign of the caller's leaving. Feeling that the visitor had sufficient time to exhaust his grief, the undertaker went into the rear room. By the dim light of a gas jet he saw Michael Murphy working around the jaws of the dead man. So intent was he in his work he did not hear the other's approach.

"What are you trying to do there?" yelled the undertaker, when he recovered his voice.

"I'm trying to open this fellow's mouth," said Michael Murphy.

"What's the matter with his mouth?"

"It's full of money."

"We can settle that in a few minutes," said the undertaker. "I'll take care of any money in his mouth, but I think you're crazy."

After some effort the teeth were pried apart. The undertaker inserted the thumb, and forefinger of his left hand in the dead man's mouth. When he drew them forth they held a five dollar bill.

"What did I tell you?" exclaimed the driver.

"You were right," answered the other Murphy.

"There's more money where that one came from," said Michael Murphy. "He has a mouthful of it."

Once more Samuel Murphy's fingers reached in and drew out a five dollar bill. He was on the point of giving up the search when Michael Murphy bade him try again. He did so, and the result was a third five dollar bill. Michael Murphy said that was all the money the dead man had. The two Murphys then got into a heated argument as to who should have the money. It ended with the undertaker shoving the bills into his pocket and ordering the driver to make himself scarce.

No one knows how the police got hold of the story, but they did. They got to the undertaking rooms about an hour later. The undertaker turned over the money to them. From the description he gave of Michael Murphy they had no trouble in finding the latter in O'Rourke's saloon. When he was taken to Police Headquarters Murphy told this story:

"Ericson, myself and a sailor, whose name I don't know, met in the Bowery early last Sunday morning. We had been drinking heavily together, but the sailor had all the money. Some one proposed we spend the day fishing. The sailor agreed to this, and we all started for Canarsie. On the way we bought a bottle of whiskey, and after we got in the boat we poured the liquor into the sailor until he fell over in the bottom of the boat. While he was in that condition Ericson went through his pockets and got three five dollar bills.

"We were deciding on how we would divide the money when the sailor woke up. He complained of being robbed, and in order to be on the safe side in case he should demand a search Ericson slipped the money in his mouth. We were pulling toward shore at the time, as a heavy storm was just beginning to break. During the argument one of the oars fell in the water and drifted away. Ericson dived in after it. He was carried beyond our reach and went down. We were helped ashore by a launch and we reported the fact that he had been drowned. I heard his body had been found and brought to the undertaker's and I went around to get that \$15. I figured he still had it."

## FIRST OF THE SWIFTS.

#### The Refrigerator Car the Invention of a Cape Cod Yankee.

Gustavus Franklin Swift, the first of his commercial dynasty, was a Cape Cod Yankee who bought a steer now and then and peddled the meat from the bank of a certain go-cart which has since become famous.

He moved to Albany and went deeper into meats, discarding one after another partners who had not the foresight and daring which he possessed. He located in Chicago at the beginning of those days of great possibilities in bringing into touch the new West and the older East.

It was he who invented the first refrigerator cars. This was the one revolutionary act which put his sons and a few other sons in very fair control of half of the meat of America.

## The Way of the Lion.

The Masal, who still spears many lions, and in the old days killed many more than they do now, told me positively that when their warriors were charged by a lion they always stood stock still. To move meant death, to stand quite immovable meant that, before closing, the lion, if unwounded, would stand, too. Then came the spearman's one chance. The stories you hear of lions charging when unwounded, and from a distance, are generally like the same sort of story told about rhino or elephant.—Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainford in World's Work.

## A Miniature Watch.

A wealthy resident of Moscow owns the smallest watch in the world, which once belonged to the last Empress of Brazil. It was made in Geneva by the famous watchmaker, V. Gogelin, and cost over 5,000 guineas. It has a diameter of one-fifth part of an inch, and is set in an artistically worked finger ring, which is studded with diamonds. If the watch is taken out of its bag case it can be set in the mouth of a cigarette holder. Gogelin is said to have worked three years on it, and permanently weakened his eyesight in the task.—Tit-Bits.

## The Land of the Poisoned Dart.

The Rev. W. S. Rainford, D. D., presents a vivid picture of the wild customs among the tribes of the East African hinterland, in Harper's Weekly. Many of these are wholly uncivilized, and they live in a state of chronic warfare. Among certain peoples a warrior who has committed homicide must cleanse himself by killing three women of another tribe, until which feat has been accomplished he is debarred from partaking of the rites of his tribe.

## Popular Science.

The "fixed" stars are changing their positions at an appreciable rate, according to astronomers, who say that even the most familiar constellations have changed their forms since the time of the ancients who named them. The touch of the right hand is generally more sensitive than the left. A peculiar poison, the use of which is attributable to English gypsies, kills domestic animals, but does not render their flesh unsafe to eat.

## Author in Italy.

Maud Howard Elliott, author of "Sun and Shadow in Spain," and daughter of Julia Ward Howe, is spending the winter in Rome and has been made a member of the American relief committee for the help of earthquake sufferers in Italy. She will write about it later. Her husband, a member of the same committee, has taken some very fine photographs of the scenes of the earthquake.

## Sees Increased Armaments.

Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, is quoted from Bristol, England, as expressing the belief that President Taft in his inaugural address, pronounced the doom of the hope for the disarmament of nations. There is a universal feeling abroad in which the United States now joins, Mr. Birrell said, for increased armaments.

## At the Court of Madrid.

Miss Marjorie Ide will have charge of her father's house, now that he has been appointed minister at Madrid. She will not be accorded the honors of a minister's wife, but she will have a very dignified position at the head of her father's house. She was also in the Philippines with her father, as was her sister who became Mrs. Bourke Cockran soon after.

## The Proper Question.

The man with the glassy eye and preternaturally solemn demeanor put down a sovereign at the booking office at Charing Cross, and demanded "a ticket." "What station?" snapped the booking clerk. The would-be traveller steadied himself. "What stations have you?" he asked with quiet dignity.—London Globe.

## For the Spelling Bee.

"I prophesy an agreeable ecstasy in perceiving the unparalleled embarrassment of a harassed position while gauging the symmetry of a potato peeled by a sibyl." Dictate this sentence and find how many of your friends will be able to spell it aright!—Gentlewoman.

## Girls of Other Days.

When mother felt morbid and down-cast and punk, away to the garret she'd steal, and snuggle down close by an old leather trunk and read a few yards of "Lucille."—Pittsburg Post.

## Shut Up!

A pretty woman can find friends with her eyes shut and hold them by keeping her mouth shut.—Galveston News.

## KILLED IN HIS CAVE THEATRE

#### William Hicks, Amateur Showman, Cuts Live Electric Wire and Drops Dead.

Kansas City, Mo.—The boyish romance that goes with the digging of a cave turned to tragedy here when William Hicks, 14 years old, was killed by a shock from an electric wire which he was endeavoring to sever with a pair of nippers. It had been a summer of much interest for William and his three playmates, Nathaniel Fleming, Dan Davidson and Otto Smith. There was nothing to do except play and live, without the thought of grammar or geography. The boys were interested in electricity, a nickel motion picture show being the inspiration.

The boys began operations in a barn in the rear of Fleming's house, operations that were a thing of mystery to the other kids of the neighborhood, and about which the four boys told little but hinted much. Then opening day came. The "mystery" was a magic lantern show with an admission fee of six pins, and with all the improvements of any of the "venue" theatres. There were electric lights, which the boys had wired there, and the slides were shown by the same process.

Business was so prosperous that the boys decided they needed an "office." An idea of a cave was romantic and suggestive of coolness, and with spade and pick the four worked hard in a vacant lot until the cave was made large enough for their needs. Then came the question of illumination. An electric light would be just the thing. Wires were strung from the barn, and the work of illuminating the cave began. The wire needed cutting, and, believing the current had been cut, young Hicks endeavored to sever it. He pressed the nippers against the deadly copper thread and penetrated the insulation. A scream followed, the boy's hold on the wire relaxed and he fell to the floor of the cave. The other boys ran for aid, but when Dr. Z. Nason reached the cave the lad was dead.

## TRIPPED BY HIGH HEELS, SHE FALLS OUT OF WINDOW.

New York City.—High heels and a kimono of sheer silk nearly cost Mrs. A. W. Teele, wife of a well-known public accountant, her life. During



## Tripped by High Heels.

the night she went to the window of the music room of her home, No. 422 West End avenue, to pull down the blinds. The sill of the window was only a foot above the floor, and as she leaned over, her heels slipped out from under her on her kimono and she fell headlong to the sidewalk.

Mrs. Teele's head struck the concrete pavement outside, and her physicians, Dr. H. Lyon Hunt, Dr. W. G. Hoag and Dr. Roy Baum, feared that her skull was fractured.

Mr. Teele, who assisted District Attorney Jerome in the Metropolitan traction inquiry, and was the chief aide to Comptroller Fitch in the exposures which marked Mayor Strong's administration, was in Washington when his wife was hurt. He returned early next morning.

## RHEUMATICS GO UNCURED.

#### Police Refuse to Allow the Afflicted to Walk Barefoot on Oiled Streets.

Chicago.—Walk on freshly oiled streets in your bare feet and cure your rheumatism. This is the latest fad in Oak Park, but it struck a snag. Several of the residents who objected to the presence of the unshod on the thoroughfares registered a complaint at the police station. Policemen were stationed at several corners and the barefoot folk were told gently but firmly to go to their homes. They were also told that oiled streets did not possess curative properties for rheumatism.

Dr. A. F. Storke, the village health officer, received many inquiries during the day regarding the fad. To all he answered that there was no healing power in the kind of oil used on the streets of Oak Park.

## Says Ministers Will Anoint with Oil.

Chicago.—"In about three years, perhaps, ministers will be given authority and orders to anoint with oil," said Bishop Fallows a few nights ago. "It is true that some ministers would probably not be as efficient as others," he added, "but we see this difference in skill in the men who follow all the arts and professions. The cures which have been effected by anointing with oil have been marvelous."

# LIVE STOCK

### GOLDEN RULE IN BREEDING.

## Then it is No Trouble in Producing Like from Like.

"Like produces like" is the golden rule and summary of the science of breeding, says the American Cultivator. It must be remembered that the resemblance is decided not only by the immediate parents, but by the grandparents and the great grandparents, etc., all being connected like the links in a chain, or rather like the twigs of a tree to the main branch. Hence the qualities of the family must extend through several generations, better a dozen generations, to appear with fair certainty in the offspring.

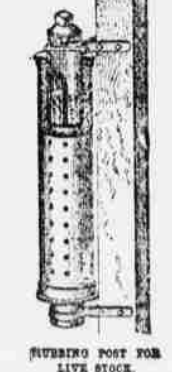
When a characteristic has once struck into the organization of a line of stock it remains with great persistence, even when mated with unlike individuals, as, for instance, the broad belt of the Dutch cattle, which is nearly always impressed upon a cross of that breed; or the peculiar build and disposition of the Morgan horse which persists in spite of many removes from the pure Morgan stock. These prepotent families are usually established and fixed by considerable inbreeding at the start, which is the readiest way of uniting individuals, possessing similar good qualities. Then, by careful selection and outbreeding, the qualities once fixed have been maintained. By taking into account the influence of the femote as well as the direct ancestors, the breeder will have no great trouble in producing like from like with regularity.

## Food During Farrowing.

Sows that have been fed an almost exclusive diet of corn during pregnancy, reach the farrowing period in a highly feverish state, are irritable and nervous and crave some flesh-forming food. They very likely kill one of the pigs and eat it and having once tasted flesh the chances are they will devour the entire litter if left to themselves. Other troubles at farrowing are also frequent where sows have been fed too much fattening food and have had little exercise. The pregnant sow is a pig factory and the feed she demands is that which will make bone, muscle and gristle, for that is what the pig consists of. Feed her whole oats, barley, shorts, a little oil meal, etc., and only enough corn to keep her in good condition. See that she takes ample exercise. Feed her some distance from her pen and scatter whole grain thinly on the ground making it necessary for her to spend considerable time in gathering enough to satisfy her. Sows fed in this way will seldom have any trouble at farrowing or evince any desire to eat their young.

## Rubbing Post for Live Stock.

An inventor living in Nebraska has carried the automatic idea to the extent of enabling live stock themselves to apply insecticide, or soothing oils to parts that are irritated or affected by vermin. The invention consists of a rubbing post in which is a reservoir filled with the insecticide, and which may be placed at any suitable place convenient to the live stock. The



rubbing post is formed with a central reservoir in which the oil is kept. Between this and the outer casing of the post is a felt-like filling. A wick serves to carry the oil from the reservoir to this filling. The outer casing of the post is perforated so that when the animal rubs against it the oil will exude from the perforations and be spread upon the affected part.

## Live Stock Notes.

Good pasturage is essential to successful hog raising. Corn ground cob and all, together with a portion of oats, makes a good feed, not only for cows, but the horses as well.

Always be on the lookout for the development of a brood sow with a gentle, intelligent disposition.

No better way of maintaining the fertility of the soil than by stock raising.

Salt, charcoal and ashes should be kept where the hogs can help themselves.

## Cost of Pork-Making.

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