

A "RAFFLES" GANG

Two Men and Woman Robbers, Fashionably Dressed.

LEFT IN AN AUTOMOBILE.

Two Residences in New Rochelle Burglarized by Group Who Said "Good-by" to No One When They Came Out the Front Door.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Two men in evening dress and a woman, all in fur overcoats, with a large yellow automobile and a colored chauffeur, robbed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Murthey of New Rochelle and are believed to have repeated the trick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wallach. In the Murthey residence \$2,000 worth of jewelry was taken. From the Wallach residence the burglars took clothing and jewelry valued at \$500.

Miss Eva Glardon, who lives opposite the Murthey home, told the police that she had seen a handsome yellow touring car waiting in front of Mr. Murthey's house about 8 o'clock and that while she stood on her porch a man and woman in evening dress and fur coats emerged from the front door.

As they left the porch the man took off his hat and, with a bow, said, "Well good night; we will see you next week." Then he closed the door, handed the woman down the steps and into the automobile, where they were joined by a second man in evening dress and fur coat. The three were driven off rapidly.

The man who left the house carried two suit cases. After the party was out of sight Miss Glardon noticed one of the parlor windows open and then remembered that Mrs. Murthey had gone out in the afternoon, and the maid was away for the day. She ran across the street to the home of Mr. Murthey's father and told him of the incident. Mr. Murthey found one of the parlor windows forced open with a "jimmy."

The rooms on the second story had been ransacked and the contents of bureau drawers and closets turned out on the floors in the search for jewelry and money.

FUGITIVE GIVES HIMSELF UP.

Bank Teller Who Ran Away With \$44,000 Then Pleads Guilty.

New York, Dec. 8.—Walter A. Hall of Tompkinsville, N. Y., paying teller of the Herald Square branch of the Greenwich bank, who ran away last summer with \$44,000 of the bank's money, walked into the district attorney's office and surrendered himself. He was at once taken before Judge Crain in the court of general sessions and pleaded guilty to the indictment which was found against him soon after his disappearance.

Hall came back to Staten Island from Canada, where he had fled, last Friday and after a talk with his wife concluded that the life of a fugitive was not worth living and arranged with State Senator Howard Bain, his counsel, to surrender.

CADETS ELECT CAPTAIN.

Hyatt of Arkansas to Lead Next Year's Football Eleven.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the army football players who have won their letter "A" in either the navy game or by playing two-thirds of the games scheduled, Cadet Robert F. Hyatt of Arkansas was unanimously elected captain of next year's football eleven.

Hyatt, who will graduate in 1912, is twenty-one years old. Besides football Hyatt is the army crack baseball pitcher and has the reputation of being the coolest and hardest man to rattle that West Point has ever had in the box.

Hammerstein Sails For London.

New York, Dec. 8.—Oscar Hammerstein sailed for Europe on the steamship Majestic. He will be in London about three weeks and will then return to New York. "I expect to go back to London in January," said Mr. Hammerstein, "to be present at the opening of my new opera house."

\$95,000 Fee For Yerkes' Counsel.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Judge Cutting in the probate court handed down a decision in which he allowed Attorney Clarence A. Knight \$95,000 attorney fees for services he rendered while he was counsel for the Charles T. Yerkes estate and for Louis S. Owsley, executor of the estate.

Market Reports.

BUTTER—Firm; receipts, 6,182 packages; creamery, specials, per lb., 30½c.; extras, 29½c.; thirds to firsts, 28½c.; 25c.; held, specials, etc.; seconds to extras, 25½c.; 24c.; state dairy, common to firsts, 24c.; process, 23½c.; factory, current make, 22½c.

CHEESE—Steady; receipts, 2,271 boxes; state, whole milk, specials, per lb., 15½c. 17½c.; September quality, fancy, white, 16½c.; colored, 15½c.; later make, as to quality, 15½c. 14½c.; common to choice, 13½c.; part skims, 4½c.; full skims, 2½c.

EGGS—Firm; receipts, 8,254 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, henery, white, per dozen, 46½c.; brown, 45½c.; gathered, white, 35½c.; brown, 34½c.; fresh, gathered, extra firsts, 33½c.; firsts, 32½c.; seconds, 30½c.; refrigerator, special marks, 25c.; firsts, 24½c.

POTATOES—Firm; Maine, per bag, \$1.40 \$1.50; state, \$1.50 \$1.55; Long Island, per bbl., \$1.50; Jersey, per bag, \$1.50 \$1.75; sweets, Jersey, per bbl., \$1.75 \$2.15; per bushel, 75c. \$1.25.

HAY AND STRAW—Steady.

WELL AIR BEDDING.

Recipes For Various Things Helpful to the Housewife.

Why is it that so many housekeepers who see to it that their houses are spotlessly clean, with every a speck of dust or mud, do not appreciate the value of clean, fresh air in the home? In the summer, when one is glad enough to open the window, proper ventilation is an easy matter, but when the cold breezes blow and the coal supply is not unlimited the housewife seems to think if the bedroom windows are open for five minutes in the morning this will supply enough of the life giving ozone to stock the house for the day.

To begin at the bedroom, it is the idea of most housewives that to turn the bed covers back for a few minutes before the open window will sufficiently air the bed. And so it is the idea of many of us. But the covers should be taken completely off the bed and spread over two chairs by the window and the mattress turned back. These should be aired all morning before making the bed. Every window in the room should be opened, and, in fact, one window should be partly open all the time except when a storm would drive through.

At night the clothes should not be allowed to lie in a heap where they have been carelessly thrown, but each garment should be separated from the others and hung on a clothes tree near a window where the night air will blow on them, which, contrary to popular superstition, is not injurious, but beneficial.

In the kitchen the frequent opening of the outer door generally lets in sufficient fresh air, but the living room is a different matter. The best plan is to have the carpenter make a two inch board to fit across the outer sill so that when the sash is closed down it meets the board. In this way there will be a space between the upper and lower sash in the middle of the window, which will permit of sufficient fresh air entering. If varnished the same as the other woodwork this will not mar the appearance of the window.

To Remodel Last Winter's Frock.

In most wardrobes there are frocks the materials of which are up to date, but the style a bit passe, which the average woman cannot afford to throw away. Here is an idea for bringing such a costume right up to the minute. Granting that you have a chiffon panama dress that needs remodeling, suppose you trim the skirt after the manner of the one illustrated. A band



PRETTY LITTLE AFTERNOON FROCK.

of bias satin is arranged at the edge of the skirt and a similar band above the knees. Between these points of vantage are narrow quillings of the satin, with here and there decorative pump bows of the same material. The high satin girdle, edged top and bottom, with quillings, almost covers the lower part of the surplised bodice, which is trimmed with the platings, revers and chemisette of Irish lace. The sleeves are of the three materials. The small seamstress could accomplish such a rejuvenation in a couple of days, and with little expense a smart costume will result.

Course For Luncheon.

As first course for luncheon or dinner cut rounds of the fruit across the pineapple, leaving on the rind. Each is an inch thick. Put a round on a dessert plate, remove tough heart, fill space with powdered sugar and cut into equal sections, but allow the piece to remain round. Each small section is dipped in the sugar and eaten with the fingers. See that the fruit is thoroughly chilled.

NEW "CHRISTMAS CAROL."

Not by Charles Dickens, but an Incipient Parody on His Famous Story.

Barley was dead to begin with. He was as dead as a doornail, which must be going some in the dead line, as people have been using a doornail as a simile of death for several centuries. But Smoodge was alive and kicking.

Smoodge kicked particularly against Christmas presents. He didn't believe in Christmas presents. Barley, his old partner, dead these seven years, hadn't believed in Christmas presents either.

When Smoodge shut up his warehouse and went home on Christmas eve—he lived in lodgings that had been Barley's—the doornail assumed an expression which he had never noted there before. The head of that dead doornail resolved itself into the head of Barley.

"Hey, Jacob; I thought you were dead!" cried Smoodge.

"So I am, Ebenezer," replied the vitalized doornail, "but I've come back to warn you that you will be visited at midnight by three ghosts, one after the other. So long, Eb!"

Barley's ghost again became a dead doornail. Smoodge went to bed and promptly at midnight was awakened by an apparition. It was the first of the three spirits. It seemed to crawl out from under his bed. It danced on the footboard of the bed.

"I am the Ghost of Christmas Present Past," said the spirit.

"You look to me like one of those slippers my niece gave me last year," said Smoodge.

"You win," said the ghost and vanished.

Presently the second spirit arrived, doing a merry dance over the wash stand.

"You look to me like another slipper," said Smoodge.

"I am the Ghost of Christmas Present Present," said the spirit.

"Ha, I see!" said Smoodge. "You're one of the slippers my niece is going to give me this year."

Whereat Spirit No. 2 smiled and vanished.

In a jiffy the third of the promised spirits came in. It jumped upon the bed and slapped Smoodge in the face.

"I'm on," said Smoodge; "you're another slipper."

"I am the Ghost of Christmas Present Future," said the spirit sepulchrally.

"Yes, I know," remarked Smoodge. "My niece will present you and your mate to me next Christmas. Because I'm an old man she never sends me anything but slippers. But these ghostly visits have taught me a lesson. Hereafter I'll be a better man. I'll give my niece a Chantocler hat instead of the usual pair of gloves, and maybe next time she'll give me a silk topper."

T. SAPP.

Fascination of the Third Rail.

"You can talk all you want about the way some people want to jump off tall buildings, but the men who walk the elevated tracks can sympathize with them," said a man the other day whose business it is to work along the elevated railroad lines and see that everything is in good condition. "Trackwalkers often have the same impulse to step on the third rail that climbers have to jump. You walk along and see that shining rod of steel and watch the sunlight glisten on it, and then the thought comes to you, 'If I step on that it will kill me,' and then you wonder how it would feel to just put your toe on it. Of course a fellow shakes those ideas off his mind, but they keep coming back, and I have known more than one man who has quit his job because he was afraid that he couldn't fight off much longer the impulse to stand on the track and put the other foot on the third rail, and when I hear of a trackwalker being killed by the third rail I wonder if the fascination of the third rail got the better of him."—New York Sun.

Getting Rich Quick.

A rouse wandered into a downtown barber shop and after being shaved sat down in the bootblack's chair.

"How do you get paid? Wages?" he asked.

"No, sub," answered the bootblack; "I work on a percentage. Sixty per cent's mine."

"Shickshty p'cent yours?" said the rouse deliberately. "Shickshty p'cent."

"Yes, sub."

"'Fyou taken in hundred dollars you keep shickshty?"

"Yes, sub."

"'Fyou take in thousan' you keep shickshty hundred?"

"Yes, sub."

"An' hundred thousan' you keep shickshty thousan'?"

"Yes, sub."

"My, my," said the rouse in puzzled manner, "what're you goin' to do with so much money?"—New York Journal.

The Persian Crow's Beak.

There is a weapon known as the crow's beak which was formerly much in use among men of rank in Persia and north India. It was a horseman's weapon and consisted of a broad curved dagger blade fixed at right angles to a shaft, pickax fashion. The shaft inclosed a dagger, unscrewing at the butt end. This concealed dagger is a very common feature of Indian arms and especially of the battleaxes of Persia.

His Impression.

Mrs. Knicker—Now, will you remember everything, John? Knicker—Yep. I'm to turn the flowers out at night and sprinkle the cat.—Harper's Bazar.

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