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PICTURE THIEVES.

A DEALER WHO SAYS THERE ARE ARTISTIC KLEPTOMANIACS.

Theft of a Murillo and of Gainsborough's "Duchess of Devoushire"—Story of a Kiss Given For a Vote-Sharpe's and Coun terfeit Etchings.

"Did you ever hear of the artistic kleptomaniae?" asked a well known dealer in etchings during an after luncheon harmony a few days ago, "Well, there is such a person. The artistic kleptomaniae is insanely fond of valuable art in the form of etchings or paintings, He steals through the admiration and love of art. There are many famous instances where old and almost priceless masterpieces of the painter's art have been taken by persons of this kind, and it is odd that in almost every instance the stolen pieces of art could not be traced.

"The most famous artistic theft of modern days was the stealing of the figure of St. Anthony from the celebrated picture by Murillo. The painting, which was on exhibition in the cathedral at Seville, represented St. Anthony sur-rounded by angels. One morning about seven years ago it was discovered that the figure of St. Anthony had been cut from the canvas.

"All Europe was notified of the theft, but the police never found the thief. About two years afterward a Spaniard from the West Indies called in at the establishment of Mr. Schaus, the well known picture dealer of this city. The Spaniard told Mr. Schaus that he would like to sell him an unsigned painting by Murillo. Mr. Schaus, being a man of large intelligence regarding works of the masters, recognized immediately the figure of St. Anthony cut from the painting in the cathedral at Seville.

"The man was seized, and Mr. Schaus had the honor of returning the painting

to Spain. "The theft of the celebrated portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire, by Gainsborough, 15 years ago was doubtless the work of an artistic kleptomaniac, for the picture can do the thief no good but excite his admiration. The portrait was in the possession of the Messrs. Agnew, the picture dealers of London. It had been on exhibition, and the Agnew galleries had been crowded. One morning the frame stood empty. The painting had been cut out, and no one knows to this day where Gainsborough's Duchess of Devonshire is.

'Some dishonest lover of art is gloating over the picture in private. The portrait is valued at \$50,000.

'That painting by Gainsborough, besides being an artistic relic, is also historic, as the painting was made just when the beautiful Duchess of Devon-shire had been the means of turning the political tide of England. Pitt and Fox were rival candidates for parliament. It was demonstrated that the election would be narrowed down to the vote of an elderly fat butcher. The butcher intended to vote for Pitt. The Duke of Devonshire tried every means, including a bribe, to influence the fat butcher to vote for Fox, but the butcher was obdurate. Then the beautiful duchss said to him:

" 'Is there anything I can do for you

if you will vote for Fox?'
"'Yes,' answered the butcher. 'If you will kiss me, I will vote for Fox.' "The duchess kissed the fat butcher. Fox was elected, and the political complexion of England was changed. It is related that the Duchess of Devonshire told the story to Gainsborough when she

was posing for her picture.

The collector of valuable etchings or engravings must be as constantly on the alert for counterfeits as is the bank cashier for forged checks or counterfeit bills or the jeweler for false diamonds. Some dealers have suffered heavy losses because of their inability to distinguish between an original and a counterfeit etching or engraving. Quick wit and a wide knowledge of the history of etchings recently saved Frederick Keppel, the art dealer of this city and Paris, nearly 1,000 marks in Berlin. The col-lection of etchings of the late Baron Opperman was sold at auction, and dealers from all over the world attended the sale at Berlin.

Mr. Keppel bought an impression of Rembrandt's Christ before Pilate, entitled the "Great Ecce Homo," paying 1,400 marks, or \$350, for the etching. Just after the sale a well dressed gen-tleman said in French to Mr. Keppel:

"Sir, I presume you are a stranger in Berlin. I am a native of the city, and I am mortified to see you so badly cheated today. I wish to make you all the restitution I can. You paid 1,400 marks for that etching. The price is far too high, but to compensate you for your loss I will sell you a genuine etching for 1,000 marks."

Mr. Keppel knew his etching to be genuine. Mr. Keppel saw that the man was playing a game of high comedy, but he said he would like to see the stching. When Mr. Keppel reviewed the etching, he said:

"I will give you 5 marks for the etching." When the man found he had been caught in his game, he simply said:
"Prenez le," and Mr. Keppel took the
counterfeit, which he afterward gave to

the purchaser of his genuine etching. The counterfeit, which was made by Solomon Savry, can only be told from the original by the difference in the drawing of one of the hands in the etch-

ing.

The only difference between the orig-

inal and the counterfeit of Albert Durer's celebrated etching "Melancholia" is the form of a ward on one of several keys hanging from a figure's girdle. Though smaller than a pinhead, the flaw represents a difference in price of several hundred dellars.-New York

THE LAZY FIRST BASEMAN.

He Was Favored by Ruin Until the Manager Drowned Him Out.

The retired left fielder was telling the "Hank McGinnis," he "was the greatest first baseman I ever seen. He could play the bag outer sight when he was a mind to, but he was the laziest man in 27 counties, and he didn't play no ball when he could git outen it. He was allays turnin up with a spiked foot or a split thumb or somethin of the kind, an ginerally made out to lay off more'n half the time. The summer we were playin in the Western league we struck a manager who was onto Hank's curves. He took him to one side when the season begun an tol him that he wouldn't stand no grafts. He marked out to him that if he didn't play every day he would git laid off an lose his pay. Sore Leeis an thumbs was barred.

"Hank, bein azies than ever that year, was considered stirred up about this. He didn't to no likin to play, but he was hot after the long green, an he kep' playin along an kickin like a bay steer all the time. Finally he got a couple of days' lay off an went to see his mother, so he said. He got back on time an complained of being sick, but the manager tol him t'git inter th' game or lose 20 cold plunks, an he got in. Nex' day we couldn : play. There was a big rain. Jus' before the time t' call the game on the day after that they was another big rain.

"An it went on like this fer a straight 30 days. It would allays rain jus' before the game, whether we was home or away. Hank he got fat loafin around an was on first rate terms with hisself. Finally the manager had to let out some of the men to reduce expense, an Hank got the run. Then the rains stopped. Now, what do you think that man done so's he could git his money without workin? Seems he knew somethin about rainmakin, an when he took that trip home he got his chemicals together an didn't do a thing but make rain every afternoon jus' before the game."-Buffalo Express.

Port Louis, Mauritius.

From the sea Port Louis has a picturesque and oriental aspect, but the streets are less so than one imagines. They are wide and resemble those of Cape Town. Numerous European shops also line their fronts.

Lying behind the town is the Champ de Mars. It is used as a place of amuse ment, and opening into it are the streets of Burbon and Corderie, while to the left of the quays is the bazaar or market place. It is surrounded by an iron railing, has several gates leading to the principal streets and is divided into two equal parts by Farquar street.

A broad avenue also traverses its entire length, lined on either side by covered sheds, where the wares are exposed. Fruit stalls occupy the upper end, and here is exhibited a marvelous variety, s collection that would make the frui sellers of the west mad with envy. Plantains in great yellow heaps are side by side with custard apples, alligator pears, mangoes, pineapples and others too numerous to mention. Mangoes are the most esteemed by Europeans. The lower market contains the butchers' shops, where fowl, fish and kid are conspicuous. -All the Year Round.

The Mantle of Charity.

It is the one garment the fashion of which never changes, writes Ruth Ashmore in Ladies' Home Journal. The years may go and come, and yet she who cloaks herself in this mantle is at once happy herself and the giver of happiness. In cut it never changes. It is al-ways large and full, so that it can envelop those who are unhappy and give them warmth and comfort. Like the cleak worn by the prince in the fairy tale, it is invisible to all but those whose eyes are made clear by faith. It is the garment that I would like my girls to wear. It is true that much patience and much self denial are required before this cloak is put on, as it should be, for all time, but once assumed the amount of joy to be got from it and the happy heartbeats to the wearers of it cannot possibly be overestimated.

Girl Babies of Sicily.

In some parts of Sicily the birth of a girl is looked upon as such a misfor-tune that a black flag is hung out the window to proclaim the sad event. Having to be supported by the family as long as they are unmarried, and being obliged to dower the bridegroom, they are looked upon as expensive luxuries. Boys, on the other hand, are very soon self supporting, and when the time comes for marrying increase the family wealth by bringing home a bride and her dot. The girls live in seclusion, are most kindly treated, and at the age of 14 or 16 they are disposed of in marriage on a purely financial basis.—New York World.

Signs of Coming Trouble.

Johnny—I tell you, papa's going to catch it after the company's gone.

Tommy—How do you know?

Johnny—He's told ma once or twice she was mistaken about something, and she's said, "Why, darling!"—London Million.

THE PRICE OF A WIFE.

Savages Place a Varying Value Upon Their Chosen Helpmates.

In the earliest times of purchase a woman was bartered for useful goods or for services rendered to her father. In the latter way Jacob purchased Rachel and her sister Leah. This was a Beena marriage, where a man, as in Genesis, leaves his father and his mother and cleaves unto his wife, and they become one flesh or hin-the woman's. The price of a bride in British Columbia and ancouver Island varies from £29 to £40 worth of articles. In Oregon un Indian gives for a wife horses, blankets or buffalo robes; in California, shell money or horses; in Africa, cattle,

A poor Damara will sell a daughter for one cow. A richer Kaffir expects from 8 to 30. With the Banyai, if nothing be given, her family claim her children. In Uganda, where no marriage recently existed, she may be obtained for half a dozen needles, or a conf, or a pair of shoes. An ordinary price is a box of percussion caps. In other parts a goat or a couple of buckskins will buy a girl. Passing to Asia, we find her price is sometimes 5 to 50 rubles, or at others a cartload of wood or hay. A princess may be purchased for 3,000 rubles.

In Tartary a woman can be obtained for a few pounds of butter, or where a rich man gives 20 small exen a poor man may succeed with a pig. In Fiji her equivalent is a whale's tooth or a mus-ket. These and similar prices elsewhere are eloquent testimony to the little value a savage sets on his wife. - New York Advertiser.

\$1,000 A SHOT.

It Is Economical, After All, if Considered

Properly. One thousand dollars a shot is rather expensive shooting, but when you come to figure it out you will find that it is not quite as much in proportion as \$100 a shot under certain conditions. The old smooth bore cannon, short in barrel and short in the breach, had to be trained with the greatest patience and care on the object aimed at, and if the 100 pound ball didn't land exactly where it

was intended it did very little harm. With the big pneumatic gun at Sandy Hook it is impossible to make a miss. You just touch her off at \$1,000 per touch, and if the projectile drops within one-sixth of a mile of where it was intended to drop there is immediate and serious trouble and in all probability no necessity for the expenditure of another dollar on that particular target. It costs more to fire the big Krupp gun than it does our dynamite gun, but the execution bears no comparison. One hundred gatling guns, fired at short intervals for one hour, would cost \$10,000. Even if the object shot at was within range the shooting would not be one-tenth as effective as the shooting of the Sandy Hock terror.—New York Mail and Ex-

The Perils of Politics.

"My friend," said the candidate for sheriff of Cheyenne, drawing a one eyed stranger close to his means of livelihood, "do you want to make \$5 easy tonight?"

"Yep." "All right. When I say in my speech, 'Is there a man among you who will deny this statement?' you jump to your feet in the rear of the hall and shout: 'Yes, sir, I will. You are a liar, and I can prove it!' and read from this clipping. Then I will call you down and make you ridiculous, but you will get the V nevertheless. Is it a go?"
"Nope."
"Why not?"

"I tried the same thing in Butte City a year ago, and the candidate jumped on me so hard that the audience kicked me out of the hall and rode me out of town on a rail. I didn't get the \$5 cither. Try it on some one else. I've been there."—Boston Herald.

A Shrewd Dog.

A gentleman once stopped his gig at the door of a shop. Entering the shop, he left the dog on the seat of the gig. The horse took fright at something and bolted off down the street, dragging the reins on the ground. The dog at once jumped down and seized the reins in his teeth. Although he was pulled along for some distance, he kept pulling against the runaway horse till he managed to bring it to a standstill.—Family Herald.

The Wonders of the Sky.

The Professor (enthusiastically)-Ah. Miss Nomer, astronomy is a grand study! Look now, for instance, at Orion. Yonder is Mars, over there is Jupiter, and that beautiful blue star is Sirius.

Miss Nomer (deeply interested)—Oh, professor! How wonderful! But tell me, how did you astronomers ever find out the names of all those stars?—Answers.

Great Britain and Ireland is full of thirsty citizens if the quantity of cork used in a year is to be taken as a criterion. It takes 70,000 tons to stopper the ale and beer bottles on the tight little isle in 13 months.

Egyptians of Moses' time are believed to have been a cross between the black races of the south and the white invaders from the north.

A Long Island girl who had been deaf and dumb for eight years had her speech restored by an electric shock, which struck the house in which she was during a storm.