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POSTAL SNEAK THIEVES OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Delicate Methods Employed by Them In Opening Letters With a Little Patience They Overcome Gum, Scaling Wax or Metal Fastener.

The incident which occurred in the French chamber concerning the violation of the secreey of a letter addressed to M. Deleasse by a high official of the ministry of marine has stirred the publie, which is surprised that such proceedings take place under the third republic. Created in 1830, the cabinet noir was a permanent office under Louis Philippe and Napoleon III, who used and abused it in order to learn the political secrets of their opponents. It was generally believed by the public that the office had long been suppressed by the present government. But after the incident mentioned those who still believe in the secrecy of the post, of the telegraph or of the telephone exhibit an incredible credulity which is extremely rare at this fin do siecle. Those who are so imprudent as to write their inmost thoughts coreerning any politician in power will be wise no longer to imagine that a letter which arrives at its destination apparently unopened has not been read by a third party. As is well known, it is also easy for an official to learn the secrets of the telephone by applying his car to the receivers at the central office, and by so doing to intercept phrases which are both instructive and amusing. It now appears that the postoffice officials also give themselves up to the delicate pleasure of satisfying their curiosity.

They employ 20 different methods in order to essuage their professional in-quisitiveness. If an envelope is closed in the ordinary manner by a thin layer of gum, they have the choice of two systems—when the paper is tough and strong they slip with great precaution a very thin but not cutting blade between the two gummed parts, and with a little practice they are soon able to separate the paper without any tear; when the envelope is thin and brit-tle they open it by the primitive and homely means of steam. These proceedings are extremely simple, and the cor-respondence of many masters and mistresses has often been slyly treated in the same way by an inquisitive domestic. This industry requires very little skill, and the only capital necessary is a small amount of patience. The more suspicious individuals fasten their letters with sealing wax and imagine that they are consequently perfectly safe from any surreptitious attack. The officials of the cabinet noir, however, are not so easily defeated. By judi-ciously bending and twisting the part of the paper surrounding the seal they gradually detach the latter, which finally remains unbroken in their hands with a very thin layer of paper adhering to it. After examining the contents of the letter they replace the seal intact at the exact place which it previously occupied, and both the sender and receiver of the letter remain in blissful ignorance of their maneuvers.

Other correspondents, even more suspicious, are not satisfied with gum and wax, but supplement them by a small metal fastener, which is guaranteed by its inventor to render any tampering with a letter impossible. This, although its efficacy is far from that promised by the stationers, certainly complicates the work of the intruding official. He rises to the circumstance, however, and after carefully removing the stamp and making a cross cut on the square from removed he intr duces a small steel instrument with a special hook at the extremity. This hook grips a corner of the letter, and by carefully twisting the sheet round the stem of the instrument it can be finally extracted without any apparent injury. If by chance the note paper is refractory and cannot be twisted owing to its stoutness, the operator cuts the entire length of one side of the envelope. The con-tents are easily obtained in this manner, but the reclosing of the envelope requires much delicacy of workmanship and is, in fact, almost worthy of an artist. About a millimeter of each of the cut edges is carefully folded inward, gummed and pressed together until dry. This phase of the work, although rather difficult to a novice, is soon acquired by

practice.

There are many other tricks employed, some of which speak volumes for human ingenuity. It sometimes happens, nevertheless, that a letter baffles all the skill and experience of the entire department. In that case their means are rough and ready—they suppress it altogether. The exterior appearance of the letter addressed to M. Delcasse be-trayed the work of the Cabinet Noir. This proves not lack of skill of those in-trasted with such an important but underhand duty, but simply negligence.— London Globe.

The Critic Answered.

An acute critic calls attention to what he styles an inelegance in a leading article of The Pilot. It is that in which the following sentence occurs: "And Paul said, 'But I was born so." "We are sorry it is inelegant, but it must stand as it is, for it happens to be the exact words of the New Testament, chapter xxii, verse 28, of the Acts of the Apostles. The Pilot never tries to improve upon the language of holy writ. Some afternoon when we have reformed all the wrongs in the world and pointed out all the faults of all our neighbors for their reformation we may sit down and revise the New Testament, but it will not be this year nor next year. An acute critic calls attention to will not be this year nor next year. Somewhere along about 1998 we shall naugurate these important reforms.—

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AUDITORS' REPORT

Of the Finances of Winslow Township for the year ending March 8, 1808.

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W. T. CATHERS.

J. B. SYKES,

Auditors.

DENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division.

TIME TABLE IN EFFECT. Trains leave Driftwood EASTWARD

EASTWARD

10 a m—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Harleton, Pottsville, Scranton, Harrisburg and the intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York, 9:29 p. m.; Baltimore, 6:00 p. m.; Washington, 7:15 p. m. Pulltoan Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

103 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Har-risburg and intermediate stations, ar-riving at Philadelphia 4:35 A. M.; New York, 7:33 A. M. Pullman Sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleener undisturbed until 7:30 A. M.

sleeper undisturbed until 7:39 A. M.
230 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at
Philadelphia, 5:32 A. M.; New York, 9:33
A. M. on week days and 10:38 A. M. on Sunday; Baitimore, 6:20 A. M.; Washington, 7:40
A. M. Pullman sleepers from Erie and Wililamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport
to Washington. Passengers in sleeper
for Baltimore and Washington will be
transferred into Washington sleeper at Wililmmsnort. Passenger coaches from Erie to liamsport. Passenger coaches from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Balti-WESTWARD

41 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Eric, Ridg-way, DuBois, Clermont and principal inter-mediate stations.

43 a. m.--Train 3, daily for Erie and inter-mediate points. ::45 p. m.--Train 15, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR DRIFTWOOD FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

TRAIN 9 leaves New York 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m.; Washington 7:30 p. m., Baitimore 8:40 p. m., striving at Driftwood 4:41 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Eric and Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Williamsport.

TRAIN 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:20 A. m.! Washington, 7:50 A. M.; Baltimore, 8:50 A. M.; Washington, 7:50 A. M.; Baltimore, 8:50 A. M.; Wilkesbarre, 10:15 A. M.; weekdays, arriving at Driftwood at 5:45 P. M. with Puliman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coach to Kane. TRAIN 3 leaves New York at 7:40 P. m.; Philadelphia, 11:20 P. m.; Washington, 10:40 P. m.; Baltimore, 11:30 P. m.; daily arriving at Driftwood at 9:43 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Phila, to Williamsport, and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

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TRAIN 19 leaves Ridgway at 8:55 a. m.; Johnsonburg at 9:10 a. m., arriving at Clermont at 10:00 a. m.
TRAIN 20 leaves Clermont at 10:40 a. m. arriving at Johnsonburg at 11:30 a. m. and Ridgway at 11:50 p. m.

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