

SPY ON THE ELITE.

Detectives Attend High Society Functions in London.

Watch Valuable Eric-a-Brac at Parties and Guard Against Well-to-Do Shoplifters—How Goods Are Recovered.

Detectives to catch well-to-do criminals are said to be much needed, and this class of crime detector has been particularly busy of late.

One of the best-known detectives in London, a man who made a name at Scotland Yard, now professionally attends the very best parties where choice jewelry, costly plate and precious curios are lying about.

With a ready knowledge of men, a polished and easy manner, and a well-cut, even handsome face, he is a welcome "guest" at table, and quite an attraction in the smoking room, where he regales princes and dukes with funny stories after dinner.

The "detective of the well-to-do" finds few more interesting hunting grounds than the larger London stores. Much of his work consists in watching well-dressed West-End women wonder by some fascinating counter of expensive articles, take up a few covered treasures, and walk off. Often the offender is a good customer whom it would be impolite to offend.

"Excuse me," observes the detective, deferentially, as the well-to-do shoplifter is about to depart. "I think there is a slight mistake—er—you did not intend to select this article."

"Oh, no, quite so, my mistake, thank you," comes the reply, the goods are quietly given up, a "scene" is avoided, and the customer departs, to return many times and spend many pounds.

"Sometimes," said the manager of a large London store, "the customer, when well known, is simply watched, the goods are charged for in due course, and the bill is paid in full, without inquiry or complaint."

A well known firm keeps a "black-book" of the names of those who have taken goods. Were it published it shock many of the elite.

LONG TRANCE IS OVER.

German Girl's Eyes Change Color—Memory Begins at Time of Lapse Into Unconsciousness.

The Meyer girl, of the village of Grambeke, near Bremen, Germany, who recently awoke from her 17-year trance, first went into a trance state 39 years ago, after a bad fall from a cart.

She was roused, and for a month she was again herself, but gradually grew weaker, complained of being tired, and fell once more into the trance which continued 17 years, with slight returns to consciousness.

During all that time she took food and drink, expressing her desires by almost imperceptible movements of her hands. All natural functions remained normal. She was even subject to toothache and colds, and once had the grip.

The doctors who have visited her since her awakening declare that she is now restored to health, and that there is no danger of a relapse, but they are puzzled to explain the cause of the trance.

Naturally the close confinement to her room has had its effect on her appearance. Her skin is the color of parchment. Her eyes, so long unused to light, are gradually growing stronger, but they have changed color. They were brown when she went to sleep; they are now a greenish blue, utterly unlike any other person's eyes.

She knows nothing of what has happened during her trance, but her memory of everything that preceded it is perfect. Although now 36 years old, she has still the voice of a girl of 17 or 18.

LEGAL FIGHT OVER MUSTACHE.

Effort to Be Made to Compel a Man to Shave Hirsute Appendage from Upper Lip.

The most magnificent mustache in Breslau, Silesia, grows on the upper lip of Herr Rottger. At a convivial gathering the other evening he offered to cut it off if the company would give \$25 to a charity in which he was interested.

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Unhindered by Company Manners. Senator Pettus, of Alabama, who has been accumulating gastric wisdom for 83 years, says that gravy is one of the most injurious things we eat.

Abundant Facilities. There really is a limit to the practical in education, says the Boston Transcript. Here is a Boston supervisor arguing for teaching the school children more fairy tales.

Vitality of Wheat. An English miller has successfully tested the vitality of some wheat which was grown in 1829 and carefully preserved since.

ENACTS TRAGEDY IN TRANCE.

French Woman, on Trial for Murder, Proves Her Plea While Under Hypnotic Influence.

The famous trial of Gabrielle Bonpard and a man of the name of Eyraud for the murder of a balletist by strangulation in Paris has been recalled in a strange fashion.

Bonpard and Eyraud escaped to America, where they were captured. Eyraud was guillotined in Paris. Gabrielle Bonpard pleaded that she committed the crime under hypnotic influence of Eyraud.

She was sentenced to penal servitude, but was released a few months ago. Her counsel recently arranged with Prof. Sierols to hypnotize her to prove that her unsuccessful plea in regard to hypnotism was true.

The professor placed her in a hypnotic state and recalled her mind to the day immediately preceding the crime. The woman then lived the crime again with fearful realism, and displayed the greatest mental torture.

She showed how she had been quarreling with Eyraud about the subject, and had refused again and again to assist his murderous scheme. She pleaded, shrieked and coaxed in vain. Then it was evident that Eyraud sprang at her throat.

"Oh, he is strangling me," she cried, writhing in imaginary pain. "Let me go, I'll bring him; you're killing me." Then she enacted the scene of the murder and showed how, left all night with the corpse, she was about to commit suicide. She described the fight to America.

The sight of the writhing, struggling woman enacting the scenes of horror, both before and after the crime, was startling and weird in the extreme. Photographers took snapshots of her throughout, and stenographers reported her words verbatim.

When aroused from her trance, Gabrielle Bonpard showed no trace of the severe ordeal, and recollected nothing.

A PREVENTIVE FOR POISON.

Dr. Gertrude Wellington, of Chicago, Makes a Discovery of Great Value to Science.

What is claimed to be a certain preventive for septic poisoning has been discovered by Dr. Gertrude Gale Wellington, resident physician at the Chicago Emergency hospital.

Dr. Wellington has been in possession of her formula for some years, and the recent case of septic poisoning by Dr. N. E. Senn, contracted while performing a surgical operation, has caused her to make her discoveries known.

The ingredients of the long-dreaded agent are well known to the medical profession.

At the hospital cases of septic poisoning are of daily occurrence, and Dr. Wellington has had wide experience with this poison.

Some years ago she was in doubt as to methods to be used, but careful experiment finally gained positive results from the combination of drugs, administered both hypodermically and internally.

From experiments on aggravated cases of septic poisoning she extended her knowledge and is now satisfied that the cure is absolute.

"If such an agent is as necessary as it appears from Dr. Senn and Dr. Murphy in their statements to the newspapers," said Dr. Wellington, "I should be very glad to demonstrate the power of my discovery."

"As a matter of fact, I have never lost a case of blood poisoning, no matter how serious, when brought to me. And my preparation will not only cure, but prevent."

Dr. Wellington is willing to perform clinics, if desired, for Chicago physicians, and advocates the establishment of a hospital for the treatment of blood-poisoning cases.

HYPNOTISM AND MUSIC.

Interesting Results of an Experiment with an Artistic Object Tried in Paris.

Rodin, the famous French sculptor, recently invited a few friends to a seance of hypnotism in his studio as an experiment with a purely artistic object.

A well known hypnotist, Mr. Magnin, had chosen a subject, "Magdeleine," whom he could easily influence. To illustrate the effect of different styles of music on her in hypnotic sleep. The orchestra consisted of a violin and a piano.

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FEVER GERM FOUND.

Dr. Mallory of Harvard Surprises the Medical World.

He Declares That Old Theories Are Wrong and That Malaria Has Origin in Animal and Not Vegetable Growth.

Dr. Frank Burr Mallory, of the Harvard Medical school, recently gave a demonstration of the causes of scarlet fever before the Boston Society of Medical Science.

He has conducted an investigation along lines not before followed by scientists, and has definitely determined the organism which produces the infection of scarlet fever.

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As a pathologist Dr. Mallory succeeded where bacteriologists have failed to discover the cause of scarlet fever.

The disease has been studied closely by physicians for years, owing to its especially infectious character. Efforts to discover the real cause failed because all went on the theory that it had vegetable origin.

During the work of Dr. Mallory, as first assistant to the visiting pathologist of the Boston city hospital, he had a splendid chance to study the disease.

He found a well defined organism in successive cases and so identical that he was able to trace it back to protozoa in every instance.

While he has traced them fully from the incipient stage to the full growth he is as yet unable to state whether there is any secondary organism or whether they grow in animals and are transmitted to man.

In malaria the protozoa is divided into the asexual and the sexual, or secondary host. The asexual host is animal as it appears and multiplies in the human body and produces the subjective symptoms.

The secondary host in malaria is protozoa of the character found in the mosquito or fly, or any insect which may infect man. It has been established that the secondary host is as distinct as the asexual organism.

Dr. Mallory has discovered what may be termed the asexual protozoa of scarlet fever. The similarity of the parasite to that of malaria suggests the possibility of a secondary host of scarlet fever parasites as well.

Local physicians say the next step will be the detection of the cause of measles and eventually of all eruptive diseases.

WOMEN DUCK CAMERA FIEND.

Clad in Male Apparel They Chase Intruder Who Wanted Snap Shot and Throw Him into a Creek.

A. A. Campbell, a farmer residing near Pawnee, Ill., told the members of the Ladies' Aid society of that town that if they would go into his cornfield and shuck a load of corn they could have it.

Accordingly, about 15 women took a big wagon, drove into the cornfield and went to work. About half of them were clad in male attire, having worn their husbands' or brothers' overalls.

John Self, a young photographer, thought a picture of the women at work in male attire might be of value, and crept into the field.

He took a snapshot of the party, but was detected just as he was making off. He was finally caught. The women smashed his camera and threw him into the creek.

Then the women returned to the cornfield, husked 38 bushels of corn, hauled it into town and sold it at auction for 36 cents a bushel.

BARN SLIDES DOWN HILL.

Woman in It Escapes Uninjured with Pail of Milk and the Cow That Had Given It.

Mrs. William Kiddy was in her barn the other day at Midland, Md., milking a cow. She had just finished when the barn, loosened by the frost, started down a steep incline on a track of snow and landed right side up on the level.

The barn swayed from side to side in its descent, but the woman clung to a post while the timbers twisted and ground about her.

THEY DIDN'T LIKE GREEN.

Painting of the Parsonage of a New York Village Causes Stir Among the Congregation.

The members of the Presbyterian church, the nonmembers and ordinary mortals of Chatham, N. Y., are deeply stirred over the question of art.

The cause is the color of the paint on the Presbyterian parsonage, and the interest and discussion arising therefrom rival that caused last winter by the burning of a chicken coop and haystack both in the same week.

The congregation is to have a new church, and the site has already been purchased. When the parsonage was secured it needed a coat of paint, and the selection of the color was too big a question for the local committee to decide.

So they left it to Architect Cady, who is to build the church.

"Green," said Mr. Cady. "We want a color that will harmonize with the surroundings and will divert as little attention from the church as possible. We want something that will be subdued. The shade of green I have in mind will blend with the verdure of the pines in the background. Let it be green."

After the painters had been busy a few days the parsonage took on a shade hard to describe: a grating, jarring color that loomed up violently against the beauties of nature's autumnal tints.

The church members, on viewing the newly decorated parsonage, held up their hands in holy horror. To make matters worse, members of other denominations saw fit to make frivolous comments on the alleged disfigurement.

A petition addressed to the mayor, praying that the color be changed, is under way, while the local newspapers have taken sides on the matter, and are in the throes of a bitter fight.

The parsonage will probably be repainted. Architect Cady doesn't live in town. He hasn't visited the village since the painters quit.

CINEMATOGRAPH IN SURGERY.

Recent Improvements Made on Machine Make It Appear to Throw Moving Objects in Relief.

The cinematograph, in addition to its many other uses, is now adapted to the clinic. The machine, commonly displayed has, however, been improved upon for the surgeon by which photographic projections seem to be thrown upon the screen with the relief that accompanies the same scene in nature.

This has been done in Paris. To look at the picture of a surgeon performing an operation as it is thrown upon the screen it exhibits no special peculiarity.

But when the same picture is examined through a small apparatus consisting of two aluminum plates with some mechanism between apertures for the eyes there are seen plainly as in life all the details of the operation.

The illusion is so perfect that the man looking at it might almost imagine himself present at the operation.

The value of the apparatus, which is the invention of Dr. Doyen, a French surgeon, is that it is possible with its aid to display before the eyes of almost any number of students typical surgical operations in their minutest details and in the most lifelike aspect.

Later it is expected to be able to affix the apparatus to opera glasses so that it may be used in the same manner with ordinary cinematograph pictures.

The invention has received warm praise from several learned societies in London before which it has been exhibited.

DEER SEEKS SAFETY IN BED.

Cambridge, Mass., Residents Have Fright When Hunted Animal Invades Their Apartments.

Deer are becoming plentiful in Massachusetts. Arthur White and Elmer E. Blackman, occupying rooms in the first story of an apartment house in Cambridge, had the fright of their lives the other morning because of the frantic attempts of a full grown doe to climb into bed with them.

White was asleep at seven o'clock, when he was awakened by what sounded to him like the laborious efforts of an intoxicated man to mount the stairs. The next moment his door was burst open with a crash.

A large deer bounded in and made a headlong dive for the bed. White used his bare feet in a brave effort to ward off the attack of the animal, and then reinforcements came from his friend Blackman.

Together, in scanty costume, they made efforts to get the deer into a corner, but the strength of the animal was too much for them.

The struggles of the men and deer completely wrecked the furniture of the two rooms. Finally, with the aid of outsiders who came to the rescue, the doe was penned into a closet, where she wrought havoc with White's clothing.

Later the animal was locked in a stable. It had been chased through the streets for a mile before seeking safety in White's bed.

LOUISIANA WAS GIFT.

Vast Territory Presented to King of Spain by Louis XV.

Interesting Historical Fact Brought to Light by Researches in Paris—Had Been Refused by Great Britain.

Under the authority of M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, E. Spencer Pratt, former United States minister to Persia, who is now residing in Paris, is making extensive researches in the archives of the foreign office relative to the transfer of the province of Louisiana by France to the United States.

The investigation has brought to light all the circumstantial details of the transaction, including the confidential letters of the French minister at Washington, advising his government as to the various stages of the negotiations, and the letters and documents signed by President Jefferson and Secretary of State Madison.

Many of these have hitherto been unavailable, owing to the rules of the foreign office, which have prevented the copying of documents in the archives.

In speaking of his investigations Mr. Pratt said: "One of the most curious documents found is an autograph letter to Louis XV. giving away the vast Louisiana territory to his cousin, then king of Spain, as a present.

The fact of this gift has heretofore been known only in a general way, but the text of the letter discloses the casual nature of the gift and also the fact that Louis XV. previously offered Louisiana to Great Britain, which refused to accept it."

The text of the letter relating to the gift is as follows: "I have caused Marquis De Grimaldi, subject to your majesty's pleasure, to sign a cession of New Orleans and Louisiana to Spain. I had offered it to the English in place of Florida, but they refused it.

I would have ceded them other possessions to have spared Spain having to cede this latter one, but fear that any cession in the Gulf of Mexico might lead to serious consequences.

"I feel that Louisiana but poorly compensates your majesty for the losses you have sustained, but in ceding you this colony I consider less its value than the good accomplished in uniting the Spanish and French nations. Union is alike necessary for our subjects and our House."

"The letter of the king of Spain accepting the present," said Mr. Pratt, "refers to the further strengthening of the union of the two nations by a number of royal intermarriages. Later documents show the cession of Louisiana by Spain to France, and give minute details of the sale of the province by Napoleon to the United States."

CORN GROWS 18 FEET HIGH.

Pennsylvania Gardener Cultivates a Record-Breaking Stalk in His Garden.

What is believed to be the tallest stalk of corn ever produced in the country is that raised this year by Daniel E. Haupt, of Norristown, Pa. It is 18 feet in height.

Mr. Haupt planted the seed last May in the garden of his home. When this particular stalk began to show unusual growth he carefully tended it, and when cold weather halted its upward progress it had developed into a record-breaker.

"It was not done growing when the early frost came," said Mr. Haupt, "and I think if favorable weather had continued it would have gone up five feet higher."

There are two ears on the stalk, one 18 inches long, and the other 13 inches. Mr. Haupt has been photographed, holding the giant stalk upright, and the picture conveys a good idea of its remarkable height.

The suggestion has been made that it be placed among the agricultural exhibits at the St. Louis exposition.

COSTLY DAM FOR THAMES.

Project to Be Considered Will Give London a Forty-Five Mile Lake for Pleasure Traffic.

A \$25,000,000 scheme to dam the Thames river, in England, at Gravesend, providing locks capable of accommodating the largest ships afloat, will be considered by parliament at its next session.

By this means the difficulties of navigation at low tide, one of the chief causes of the retrogression of London as a port, might be overcome, and ships drawing 35 feet of water could proceed to London bridge at any hour of the day or night, anchor anywhere, be alongside any wharf, remaining always at the same level.

The dam would provide London with a lake 45 miles long and a quarter to a half mile broad, available for pleasure, traffic, boating, sailing and fishing, which are rendered impossible by the strong tides now sweeping the river.

What Some People Believe. There are probably more people in the world to-day who believe with Prof. Lowell that Mars is inhabited, and also that it will be reached some day by some kind of wireless telegraphy, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, than there were a hundred years ago who believed that men would ever travel at the rate of 30 miles an hour.

Too Cold for Anything Else. New land discovered in the antarctic regions is full of fossils of birds and animals, says the Chicago News. It is too cold for anything but fossils to live there.

AMBER IMBEDDED IN TONGUE.

Milwaukee Man Suffers No Inconvenience But Tells Physician That He Has "Slight Bruise."

With the amber mouthpiece of a pipe, nearly an inch and a half long, imbedded in his tongue for over nine weeks, and suffering no inconvenience whatever, Joseph Lefkey, 34 years old, of Milwaukee, consulted a doctor concerning a "slight" bruise on his tongue, when the stem, nearly three-eighths of an inch in diameter, was found imbedded in the center of the thick part of the tongue far back in the mouth, and completely hidden from sight.

Only a slight puncture about the size of a pinhead could be seen by the physician on the first examination, and so bewildered was the patient when the long stem was finally removed and shown to him that his first exclamation was: "Look around in there, doc. I lost the pipe, and maybe the whole thing is laying 'round in there somewhere."

Two nights ago Lefkey was returning to his home from the shop where he worked, and was smoking his pipe while on the rear platform of a car, when a sudden lurch threw him from his feet and he plunged headforemost to the ground. He was bruised, but soon got up and spent several minutes looking for his pipe, which he had lost.

"I don't know whether I or my patient was the more surprised when I pulled out the pipe stem," said the doctor. "He had talked all right and suffered no inconvenience whatever, and nothing but just a little spot on the upper part of the tongue could be seen to show that there was anything at all the matter with the organ. I had no difficulty in getting the stem out after I once found what was the matter, and Lefkey is working again."

PROVES THAT LOVE IS BLIND.

South Chicago, Ill., Man and Indiana Maiden Who Have Never Seen Each Other Are Wed.

Theodore Yager, of South Chicago, Ill., according to his statement is preparing a surprise party for himself. He is to be married to Miss Bertha Hoff of Bourbon, Ind., whom he has never seen, although he has been engaged to her for more than three years.

Yager was a student at Purdue university five years ago. He roomed with another young man, who received letters at intervals from Miss Hoff.

One day he offered to wager his friend that he would receive a reply were he to write to the young woman. The wager was taken, and upon writing he received a reply. Both young men continued to write to the girl until they were graduated, when Yager's friend went to Denver. Yager lost track of him, but kept up the correspondence with the girl.

He came to Chicago to work at Grand Crossing and while here became engaged to the girl whom he had never seen.

"We have agreed not to meet each other until the eve of the wedding," said Yager, "and I make a surprise party out of it. I have always told that looks count for very little in affairs of the heart and would have been willing to marry Miss Hoff even had I never received her photograph."

"I may add," he continued, "that I was in no way disappointed when it did come to me."

INTERNAL ORGANS REVERSED.

Unusual Case Found in Boston and One Without a Known Precedent in the United States.

There is a case now under observation in a Boston hospital of a man suffering with a fractured pelvis, and whose every organ of the chest and lower body is transposed, yet performing in a perfect manner the functions of the physical system.

This man's peculiar condition has aroused the greatest curiosity in the medical fraternity in Boston, as no case parallel to this has been recorded in the annals of medicine in the United States, as far as can be learned. A member of the hospital staff said:

"This man proved to be one of the most astounding instances of transposition that ever came to the notice of the physicians in this portion of the country."

"He had been brought to the hospital suffering from a fractured neck pan, and some hours later, upon examination by the internes of the hospital, his heart was found to be on the right side of the chest."

"Upon further examination into the patient's condition, it was found that all the organs of the chest and abdomen had developed in positions contrary to the laws of nature, yet the man was perfectly healthy as far as could be learned at the time."

Shakespeare Out of It. A New York theater manager declares that "this man Shakespeare has written himself out." But perhaps it is immaterial to inquire, remarks the Louisville Courier-Journal, whether the condition thus complained of it due to the fact that the playwright has written himself out or that the playactors have acted him out.

Right Sort of a Girl. The Cincinnati girl who married a poor young man who thought her poor also, remarks the New York World, and then informed him after marriage that she is worth \$500,000 seems to be of the good old American variety of girl who was not in the market for counts of no account.

Take His Word for It. A preacher whose salary is \$400 per annum and who has lately become the father of triplets, declares that he is contented and thankful. It will have to "go at that," says the Cincinnati Enquirer, for nobody likes to call a minister of the gospel a liar.