

UNDONE BY A BUTTON.

Active Part Played by the Button in Life's Tragedies and Comedies.

Burglars and Murderers Brought to Punishment by Its Revelations.

By Merest Chance a Button Averages the Death of Poor Lorette—Innocence Involved.

The ordinary button of commerce plays a very active part in the drama of life, says the Paris correspondence of the New York Morning Journal.

There is now a young man in Mazas who did not enjoy the Christmas season. He was undone by a button; that is, the button was undone that was the cause of his undoing.

A few days ago a bazaar was broken into at night. The thief, or thieves, who evidently knew the plan of the shop perfectly, left no traces behind; that is, the police who first arrived on the scene could find none.

A detective examined the premises thoroughly. He was old in the business. He sifted all the dirt on the floor, studied the scratches on the wall, pored over the burnt scraps of paper in the grate.

Our detective had a list of the names of all the employees, past and present, of the store that had been robbed. He visited the bazaar and found that a suit of clothes had been sold to a young man who was on the eliminating list.

The bracelet clicked on his wrist. The carriage rolled away to Mazas. The little button, the little accursed button, had betrayed him!

During the past ten years some forty odd demi-mondaines have been assassinated after the manner of Prado and Pranzini. Seventeen of these crimes have never been punished.

One day all Paris was startled by the murder of a young girl in the neighborhood of Notre Dame de Lorette. The police worked hard to find out who did the deed.

A detective who had been prominent in the search was one night detailed to attend in evening dress a reception at a very swell house. He was to look after the diamonds and see that the gentlemen guests did not walk off with each other's mufflers and gloves by mistake.

When he about to enter the conservatory, when he suddenly came upon a couple sitting under a tree and a light that crowned an artificial palm tree.

Then he remembered that this button glenning before him was the exact duplicate of the one there had been found in the room of the poor little dead Lorette.

He found out her name, her antecedents and those of her companion. He learned that they were in love with each other, that they were to be married in a few weeks.

The detective learned that the young man had wished to rid himself of his vulgar liaison in order to make the rich marriage, and finding that threats and promises did not work, he had murdered her.

When daylight came the young man hunted about the disordered room for some clue to a midnight visitor. He found a button, a cuff button, smeared with blood.

He was something of an amateur detective himself, so he resolved to hunt down the murderer himself. The task was easy, but it took time and required patience.

before the court for sentences a notorious crackman was arrested by the police at Bordenax. Among other things he confessed that he had robbed the apartments in the Champs Elysees.

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