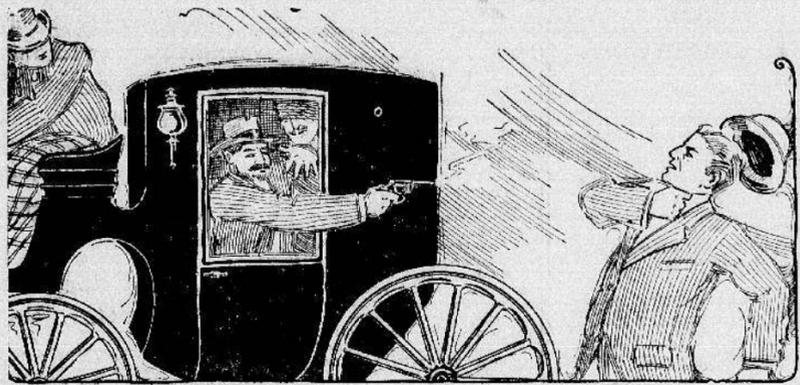


Cranks who call on the President



JUST AS THE CAB STARTED THE SWEDS FIRED POINT BLANK.

SCARCELY a month of the four years in office of a president of the United States passes that at least one crank, more or less mentally deranged, does not call at the White House to ask him exactly how the affairs of government should be managed or to beg an utterly foolish favor at his hands.

And there is scarcely one crank out of all that may call within the allotted time who ever sees the president face to face. Chief Wilkie and his secret service operatives and the employees at the White House are ever on the alert for such individuals. They handle them promptly the minute they are recognized for what they are. Once in a very great while—generally years—a crank may get by the guards and speak personally with the president. But such an occurrence is as rare as a snowstorm in Florida in August.

They come—these cranks with "missions" of the utmost importance—from all walks in life and in all guises. Many of them are well educated and give but slight indication of their mental derangement. Though the majority of them are foreign born, women are not infrequently found among them. Fortunately, most of them are harmless and are to be pitied rather than censured for the queer concepts of their unbalanced minds. But the guards cannot afford to take chances with any of them. They are either cajoled into leaving upon some attractive pretext or ejected firmly and decisively. Many of them are serious; a few are tragic and violent, but the majority are merely pitifully humorous and grotesque. Whatever their nature, they must first convince the policemen of the White House squad and the secret service men of their sanity and harmlessness before they can so much as remain in the White House grounds. During President Roosevelt's administration many of these cranks were apprehended and sent to the government hospital for the insane, across the Potomac river, or returned to their homes and friends. Whether Mr. Taft will be equally honored remains to be seen.

The police department blotter in the District of Columbia shows the names of 87 arrests, since 1860, of men and women who visited the White House on a "special mission" to the president.

It may seem strange that but few of these cranks are from the District of Columbia, but such is the case. Most of them come from New York and the New England states. St. Louis and Chicago, however, may be depended upon for their quota. Comparatively few of them come from the far south or the far west. Letters from cranks, however, are frequently found in the White House mail. The queer characteristics and the still queerer "missions" of these unwelcome visitors who call on the president are interesting, indeed.

The most up-to-date crank to visit the White House was a native of Switzerland, who sought most earnestly the aid of the president in protecting him against his enemies. There is nothing unusual about that request. But this blood-thirsty enemy was pursuing him in airships. He stated, with an expression of the utmost horror, that they had planned to soar over him in their airships and hurl down bombs upon him. In case that failed, he informed the officer on guard at the White House, these same merciless enemies had contrived and fitted devices at either end of

their airships which held large tanks of compressed air. With this air turned upon him his death would be but a question of time, he pleaded.

Then there is the crank who comes to warn the president of a plot against his life. Not very long ago an Irishman with a surprising regard for the appropriate mystery of his appearance called and asked for the president. He had blackened his face and hands and disguised himself in other ways to escape detection, as he supposed, on the part of those whom he came to warn against. Of course, he was stopped by a secret service man, to whom he was finally induced to unfold his tale of overhearing a band of bloodthirsty anarchists plot to assassinate the president. He begged to be allowed to guard the president personally and even to sleep outside his door.

An embryonic muckraker once called

wound. The policeman's recovery was slow, however, as the crank had evidently prepared the bullet with some sort of poison. After firing the shot the bullet was over-powered and placed in the station-house. In due time he was sent to the government hospital for the insane, but later taken on charge of by some of his friends in the middle west.

President Roosevelt's guards were once confronted by two "women suffragists." They made the modest demand that the president retire from office immediately in their favor. One of the women had even gone as far as to choose her own cabinet to assist in the discharge of the duties of the nation's chief executive. Nor would she stop there. The admiral of the navy should no longer be a man, but a woman. The other woman claimed that President Roosevelt had badly usurped her place as the people's choice. After a short incarceration in

upon the president and insisted that everyone in the United States should be renamed; that the hymnal of the Episcopal church should be changed completely and that a new ritual should be made compulsory in the Masonic order.

It is not always that these cranks are harmless, however. In 1904 a Swede from the middle west journeyed to Washington in a freight car for the purpose of obtaining aid from the president against people who, he said, were trying to steal his patents guaranteed to revolutionize several American industries. His dress was peculiar, his conversation suspicious, and his demands to see the president somewhat alarming. Policeman Clack, of the White House squad, told him he would usher him into the president's private office immediately. By this pretense he was led into the guardroom, in the basement of the east front of the White House, and a cab was summoned. Just as the big Swede was being shoved into the cab he evidently smelled a rat, for he drew a large revolver and opened fire on the officer. His aim was wild, and the bullet inflicted but a slight flesh

"DRA... THE WATER OFF OLD POINT COMFORT," SHE INSISTED.

the government hospital for the insane, both women were sent back to their friends.

Another type of unwelcome visitor is the man or woman of the inventive mind. All of them have inventions that will literally reverse the forces of nature and even change the positions of the sun, the moon and the stars. All of them are men than willing to let the president in on the ground floor of the fabulously capitalized and miraculously successful stock companies they have organized in their own minds. One inventor from Colorado declared he had an invention that would utilize the forces of gravity for almost any purpose. Railroads might be run by it, automobiles driven, airplanes kept aloft, wheels turned and manufacturing plants operated. Outside of the large block of stock he wanted the president to take, he begged the chief executive to compel the commissioner of patents to grant him a patent on his invention.

Another inventor, who did not believe in trusts, had a marvelous scheme to transport ice from the north pole, in order to force the ice kings into poverty and starvation. All that need be done, he argued, was to obtain a congressional appropriation for the cutting of the ice up in the Arctic regions and then have the United States war vessels carry the ice to the different cities of the country and distribute it. In this manner the ice trust would melt away as rapidly as does its own product on a sweltering August day. The police, needless to say, manifested a most abnormal and enthusiastic interest in his plan, and conducted him to one of the station-houses to talk it over at further length.

There was nothing small, in conception at least, of the plan of a woman crank to drain the ocean off Old Point Comfort, a seaside resort on the Virginia coast. By doing so she was positive that she could find a large amount of money hidden there by conspirators who were seeking to deprive her of her rightful share of an estate of over half a million dollars. She did not fee; she stated, to drain the sea off Old Point Comfort until she had obtained the president's permission, as the ocean belonged to the United States, and hence to the president.

A certain lunatic a few years ago had appeared several times on the White House grounds and conducted himself so strangely that the police decided to look into his case. His answers to their questions were so incoherent and meaningless that he was

His enemies were pursuing him in airships.



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An Aggregation of Tuesday Bargains That Will Crowd This Store to Its Doors

TUESDAY
15c and 20c Organdy and Batiste Lawns
12 1/2c

The wash goods sensation of the season, a most beautiful assortment to choose from in the prettiest imaginable designs and colorings; regular 15c and 20c, tomorrow only, a yard..... **12 1/2c**

TUESDAY
\$1 Tapestry Covers
65c

In reversible chenille, 4-4 size, one only to a customer, at..... **65c**

TUESDAY
\$10 Pattern Hats
\$4.95

Many charming new pattern hats in a variety of this season's newest creations; of the highest quality materials; catchy new spring and summer hats, equal to \$10.00 qualities shown elsewhere, Tuesday..... **\$4.95**

TUESDAY
Nagapore Silk

27 inches wide, the finest imitation of silk ever made, washes perfectly; in pink, blue and red, special..... **19c**

TUESDAY
35c and 40c Towels
21c

Turkish, damask and backback, hemmed and hemstitched at each..... **21c**

TUESDAY
65c Fine Bleached Bedsheets

72 inches wide and 91 inches long, hemmed and ready for use; four to a customer at, each..... **49c**

TUESDAY
60c White Table Felt
49c

A good weight padding, limit 4 yards to a customer, at..... **49c**

TUESDAY
\$1.50 a Bolt White English Longcloth

12 yards in each bolt, full yard wide; one bolt to a customer, at bolt..... **\$1.50**

TUESDAY
Table Linens and Napkins at Reduced Prices

That Will Throng Our Linen Counter

50c American bleached table damask, 60 inches wide; this week, per yard..... **29c**

75c half bleached all pure linen table damask, 72 inches wide, Snowdrop pattern, this week..... **59c**

85c fine bleached mercerized table damask, 72 inches wide; this week, per yard..... **69c**

SILVER BLEACHED DINNER NAPKINS

15 inches square; regular \$1.50 value, special, per dozen..... **\$1.25**

Half bleached table napkins, 19 inches square, dice pattern; regular \$1.50 value, special, per dozen..... **\$1.25**

5c napkins, all pure linen; regular \$2.00, for..... **\$1.65**

Extra heavy German half bleached double table damask, 70 inches wide; regular \$1.25, for..... **89c**

SCHLOSSBERG'S
THE STORE THAT GIVES THE BEST VALUES

Unequaled Values in Our Ready-to-Wear Department



McCall Pattern No. 1646
A NEW PRINCESS COSTUME

Unexcelled in the truest sense. To see is to believe. We are not addicted to claiming what cannot be verified. This lingerie department is filled with extraordinary offerings, of which the following only hint:

\$9.50 Lingerie Dresses \$7.50

Fashioned with panel down front, high waist line embellished with very fine lace and insertion; skirts of extra full width, deep flounce; worth fully \$9.50. This week special, at..... **\$7.50**

\$12.50 Voile Skirts \$8.75

Handsome dress skirts of black all wool wavy voile, with new apron effect front and bottom on the hips; worth fully \$12.50. This week special..... **\$8.75**

\$9.50 Dress Skirts \$6.75

Very serviceable skirts of all wool chiffon, panama, in black and colors and black voile, trimmed with satin. Graceful, perfect looking skirts; every one of them worth \$9.50. Special this week..... **\$6.75**

TUESDAY
Lawn Waists \$1.35

White lawn waists, some trimmed, allover embroidery; front, new, long sleeves, open front and back, very special at..... **\$1.35**

Save on These New Summer Silks

It's a rare chance, for you find the prettiest, very latest silks priced so amazingly low that most economical shoppers will attend.

PONGEE SILKS.
Figured pongee silks, in many pretty colors and designs; regular 75c value, on sale at..... **59c**
Natural color rough pongee, 25 inches wide, suitable for waists and underwear; regular \$1.25 value, on sale at..... **98c**
The same silk as above, 36 inches wide; regularly \$1.75, on sale at..... **\$1.32 1-2**

BLACK TAFFETA SILK.
Full 36 inches wide; regular \$1.50 value, for..... **98c**
Full 36 inches wide; regular \$1.75 value, for..... **\$1.32 1-2**
Full 36 inches wide; regular \$2.00 value, for..... **\$1.49**

FIGURED TAFFETAS.
For dress silks and waists, 21 inches wide, in tan, navy blue, black and old rose grounds; partially figured; regular 75c, for..... **59c**

PLAIN MESSALINES.
Comes 27 inches wide in many dainty colors; regular \$1.50, at..... **\$1.19**
Also 36 inches wide, sold elsewhere at \$2.25, for..... **\$1.59**

BETTER THAN USUAL DRESS GOODS NEWS

Bargain news tersely told here but, depend upon it, each item is an unparalleled bargain.

Satin Striped Wool Challies

A large variety of assorted colorings and patterns in satin stripes, with polka dots, figures and Persian patterns to select from. Tuesday and week, yard..... **12 1/2c**

Cream Wool Storm Serge

One of the most fashionable fabrics for summer wear, a material in great demand this season for coats, suits and separate skirts; 40 inches wide; regular \$1.50 value, for..... **\$1.29**

All Wool Batiste

In cream, tan and pearl gray; 36 inches wide; regular \$2c and 50c, this week, special..... **62 1/2c**

White Goods FOR GRADUATION

Were never sold at such low prices before.

Gauze linen, 46 inches wide; regular 45c, for..... **33 1/2c**
Persian lawn, 36 inches wide; regular 30c, for..... **22 1/2c**
White Swissie, special this week, per yard..... **49c**
Flaxon, the queen of all white goods, at only..... **30c to 45c**

TUESDAY
Ladies' Petticoats
\$2.25 VALUES AT \$1.50

White skirts, trimmed in extra fine tulle; lace insertion and edging; regular \$2.25 value, at each..... **\$1.50**

TUESDAY
\$1.25 Long Silk Gloves

With double guaranteed finger tips, in black and white only, and all sizes, at only, pair..... **95c**

TUESDAY
Ladies' Corset Covers
90c GRADE AT 49c

Made of fine Nainsook, daintily embroidered, front, ruffled back and lace-edged neck and armholes; the prettiest corset cover seen yet; regular 90c, on sale Tuesday, each..... **49c**

TUESDAY
Suit Cases

Imitation alligator leather with brass locks and snap, special..... **\$2.00**

TUESDAY
Good Trunks

Strongly bound, useful trunks, all sizes and all prices, up to..... **\$9.95**

TUESDAY
Ladies' Petticoats
\$6.50 VALUES AT \$3.95

Beautiful white skirts of the finest cambric or long cloth, elegantly trimmed with lace and embroidery edging and insertion; regular \$6.50 values, on sale at..... **\$3.95**

TUESDAY
Hemmed Pillow Cases

Size 45x36, six only to a customer, at each..... **10c**

TUESDAY
\$3 Marseilles Bedspreads

Extra heavy bed spreads, fine Marseilles, full size, raised pattern, one to a customer only, at..... **\$2.35**

TUESDAY
Drapery Department Specials

75c Nottingham lace curtains on sale, pair..... **49c**
\$1.25 Nottingham lace curtains on sale, pair..... **95c**
\$2.25 Nottingham lace curtains on sale, pair..... **\$1.75**
\$3.50 Nottingham lace curtains on sale, pair..... **\$2.40**
\$4.00 Arabian lace curtains on sale, pair..... **\$3.00**
\$5.00 Arabian curtains on sale, pair..... **\$3.75**
\$6.00 Battenburg lace curtains on sale, pair..... **\$4.50**

TUESDAY
Hammocks \$1.75

Now on sale, hammocks of every kind and color, up to..... **\$1.75**

TUESDAY
Great Values on Shoes

Ladies' Oxfords, in black and tan, latest shapes, at only..... **\$2.50**

Misses' tan Oxfords, sizes 11 to 2, at only..... **\$1.95**

Children's tan Oxfords, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, at only..... **\$1.95**

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