

THE ROBBER'S ODD ROMANCE.

Baker Alberts Believed to Be the Burglar Who Stabbed Mrs. Elmer Hile.

WROTE HER HE WAS SORRY.

Admired Her Courage and Would Return the Plunder for a Small Sum.

SUSPECTED OF MANY THEFTS.

Valuable Plunder Found Looked in the Coal Bin of His House in Jersey City.

Here is a strange story of burglary and infatuation that reads like a romance of Jack Sheppard's day. It reveals a curious mixture of daring and meanness, of chivalry and prosaic caution, and goes far to prove that last century methods of robbery do not work well with the every-day police.

Albert Alberts, a baker, of 48 Edge avenue, Jersey City, now a prisoner in the Tumb, under the name of John Doe, is believed to be the man who, for the past four months, has perpetrated a number of burglaries on Jersey City Heights. Moreover, he is accused of being the assailant of Mrs. Elmer Hile, of Union avenue, in the same city. She was stabbed in the leg on Sept. 30, while struggling with a burglar in the darkness.

Alberts was arrested on Dec. 5 by Policeman Shy, of the East One Hundred and Fourth street station, on the charge of having stolen a clock from a house on Second avenue.

In order to present the facts clearly, it is necessary to go back to the time of the assault upon Mrs. Hile.

Stabbing of Mrs. Hile.

On the morning of Sept. 30, the home of Elmer Hile, at No. 130 Union street, was entered by a burglar. Mrs. Hile, awakened from her sleep by a noise in her room, arose to light the gas. As she made way around the foot of the bed she ran into a man who was crouching near the footboard. He seized her by the throat and kissed her on the cheek. Mrs. Hile, in her fear, screamed and as she did so, the intruder plunged the blade of a dagger into her leg. Again she screamed. Her husband was in bed, but he never moved, declaring subsequently that he must have been drugged, not having heard the struggle.

Mrs. Hile clung to her assailant, until faint from the loss of blood she became unconscious. The burglar made good his escape, notwithstanding the fact that there were twenty policemen within two blocks of the scene.

The Assailant Writes to Her.

On the morning of Sept. 25, Mrs. Hile was surprised to receive the following letter by mail:

Dear Mrs. Hile, 138 Union street, Jersey City: You saw a brave little woman. I admire you, but you should not be afraid. I had heard that you had no courage. I would have cut you, but I did not want to harm you, dear lady. I cut you low down. I wanted to scare you. I would not have hurt you. My friend is a man, but he has no money. My friend is a man, but he has no money. My friend is a man, but he has no money.

These Horses Hauled Up.

Curious Spectacle at the Old New York Hotel Site.

A curious and practical experiment in dynamics is being made daily in the clearing of the site of the old New York Hotel, Broadway, near Water-ley place.

Many pleasant and exciting remi-niscences have been told in print upon the occasion of the demolition of the old New York Hotel, Broadway, near Water-ley place.

Chief Murphy Committed.

This letter was shown to Chief Murphy, and he inserted the following advertisement in the papers mentioned.

ROBBY, BUT GOOD FRIEND—Am yet too ill to write you, but I will write you as soon as I can. I will write you as soon as I can. I will write you as soon as I can.

HAULING THE HORSE UP HILL.

The upper structure has been torn down. Thomas P. Gilman & Son, the contractors, are plunging into the work of hauling the horse up hill.

Police Sent to the Trying-Place.

Her husband left the house by the door, climbed over woodshed and fence and fled. Precinct Station House and told Capt. McKee the contents of the letter.

The plucky little woman entered the vacant lot as directed, and waited fully five minutes for the burglar to appear.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

street and avenue on the Heights, as not a street-lamp bears a sign.

Another Personal Inserted.

Chief Murphy determined to again try the effect of a "Personal," and accordingly inserted the following:

On Nov. 20 Detective Colville Smith, of the Jersey City force, who since then has been on duty in this city, began to recover the property which had been stolen from houses in the "Four Corners" district where the burglaries had been chiefly committed.

This fact was reported to Chief Murphy, and at his request Capt. Brooks, of the Jersey City force, and twenty-sixth street station, had the prisoner, John Doe, committed to await an investigation by the Jersey City police.

The boy who delivered the second letter sent to Mrs. Hile was found after considerable difficulty and taken to the Tombs. He identified the prisoner, Doe, as the man who had sent him with the letter to Mrs. Hile.

While these things were transpiring Mrs. Alberts reported to Capt. Brooks, of the Jersey City force, that she had seen a man who she believed to be the burglar who had stolen the clock from her house on Second avenue.

The police were finally convinced that John Doe and Albert Alberts were one and the same. For he had sent from the Tombs to a man named Schack, of Communipaw avenue, Jersey City, asking assistance.

Alberts' house was finally searched by the police, and down in the coal bin, which was securely bolted and locked, about 200 worth of stolen property was found. Little by little evidence against him was found. His wife was not aware of it, but he had been in the city since last July. When he came in at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning she believed he was returning to his home, but she never understood, however, why he always went to the coal bin before going upstairs.

On one occasion when on his way home he was stopped by a policeman. He took the policeman to his home and had his wife identify him. This satisfied the officer and he departed. When he was stopped, and without a moment's hesitation, took the policeman to his home and had several papers identify him as a hopper.

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BLANKET DEPARTMENT.

On Monday, December 17th, we shall offer exceptional values in Fine California Blankets.

300 Pairs Single Beds, at \$3.75 per pair. 500 Pairs Double Beds, at \$4.75 per pair. 200 Pairs Extra Large Sizes, at \$5.75 per pair.

A large assortment of full size fine quality Sateen Comfortables, filled with pure down, at \$4.50 each. Down Cushions, Covered with finest quality Printed China Silk, interlined and ruffled, at \$2.75 each.

JAMES McCREERY & CO., Broadway and 11th St.

THE EARNINGS OF LABOR.

Amounts Actually Paid to Workmen During November.

(From Dun's Review for To-day.)

As it is of the highest importance to ascertain how much the purchasing power of the people has been affected by reduction in the amount of wages paid, and in the working force, Dun's Review has made extensive inquiries through manufacturers and other employers of labor as to amounts actually paid during the month of November, and the number of hands employed, on a comparison with last year and with 1902.

It is gratifying to find that the decrease, as respects the works now in operation, is not so great as has been supposed. The inquiry has been aided by thousands of employers, whose payrolls for November have been forwarded, and while numerous defects in classification of returns make it impossible to arrange all of them under the various departments of production, enough are properly classified to give a fair indication of the course of employment and wages in the more important industries.

In explanation of the returns, it should be carefully noted that there is no attempt as yet to ascertain the change in rate of wages either way, but only to determine the aggregate payments to the working force, and the number of hands employed. The returns, which are still coming in, will probably give valuable information as to the number of hours and days' work during the month for each hand, and this may afford an indication of the rate of wages paid, but this branch of the inquiry is not now considered. The returns show the aggregate amount paid in wages during the three months compared with 1902, 1903 and 1904, and the number of hands at work, so that if the working force were the same, with employment only half time, the result would show a decrease in total receipts, without any change in the rate of wages paid.

The returns already cover over 250,000 hands employed, and are fairly distributed all over the region between the Atlantic and the Rocky Mountains. They include a considerable number of reports from concerns which were just beginning in 1902, and have greatly increased their working force, and in about a quarter of the reports larger payments are reported in 1904 than in 1902. Many of the concerns reporting were started in 1902, and their receipts are lower the aggregate for that year, but the average receipts per hand. They show payments of about \$20,000,000 in 1904, against \$17,000,000 in 1903, and \$16,000,000 in 1902, the average for 1902 being 10 per cent. larger in 1904 than in 1902, but 9 per cent. smaller in 1904 than in 1902.

Here it is especially important to notice that very few returns have been received from the iron and steel concerns, addressed which are known not to be in operation in Jersey City for natural reasons such concerns have in most cases failed to answer at all, so that the results may be taken as fairly representing only the concerns which are in operation.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives, and it is expected that it will be passed in the near future. It is a bill for the relief of the iron and steel workers, and it is expected that it will be passed in the near future.

Nothing was done by the Association this morning, but it was rumored that a move was being made to call a meeting of the workers to a focus very soon.

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The "Little Sculptor" was originally made to sell at \$1.00. It consists of six brass castings, one frame, some pans to mould with, a pot and mixing spoon. It is a toy suitable for boy or girl, and will worth the regular price, \$1.00. We will sell them this evening from 7 to 9 only, at 10c.

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