

FOUND HER WATCH BETWEEN TICKS.

Jewelled Timepiece of the Viscountess de Varinay Recovered by Wonderful Wardman Sleuth 'Twixt Hotel Mattresses.



THE VISCOUNTESS DE VARINAY.

The Viscountess de Varinay is about the happiest woman in New York. She has back her jewelled and bejewelled watch, worth \$50 intrinsically, but vastly more valuable than that to her by reason of its associations. She lost it at the Plaza Hotel the other day and weepingly appealed to the police to find it. They have done so and a new wardman has covered himself with glory.

The Plaza Hotel being in the East Fifty-first street police precinct, it fell to the lot of Detective Clarke, just out of uniform and off the pavement, to locate the watch. Here was his chance to make a reputation. He galloped around all the pawnshops, leaving a detailed description of the lost watch, according to the most approved rules of the Police Department.

Thieves Denied Guilt.

He met all the thieves with whom he had an intimate acquaintance and asked them if they knew anything about the watch—still following the rules of the department. They couldn't help him, and Clarke decided to go off on an entirely original tack.

He went to the Plaza Hotel. He called for the Viscountess de Varinay. She received him in her apartments. There was present the Baroness Elvstein, a friend of the Viscountess, who also lives in the hotel. All the servants in the employ of the Viscountess were called in and the inquiry began.

"You are sure, lady, that you did not take the watch out of these apartments?" asked the detective.

"The Viscountess was sure she had not. "Might you not have worn it and lost it while shopping?" inquired the sleuth, having heard of such things before.

"Fiduciously," responded the Viscountess. "I left it in the room when I went out."

She Trusted Her Maids.

"Ah," said the detective, with an air

of mystery akin to that which he had seen William Gillette assume in "Sherlock Holmes."

"Who had access to your rooms?" inquired Clarke.

"Only my maids, whom I trust with all I possess," said the Viscountess.

"Black looks came from all the maids as the sleuth swept them with his fear-compelling eye. Silence fell on the room and the Viscountess, the Baroness, the maids held their respective breaths while the detective pondered.

"Sh-h-h-h," he whispered as he started up.

The women shivered.

"He's got second sight," muttered one of the maids to another.

"The detective gave her a black look. "Sh-h-h-h-h," he demanded again more fervently.

Again silence fell on the room. The detective rose from his seat, and moved toward the boudoir of the Viscountess, his ears seeming to grow in length and reach out, all receiving.

Slowly the watch hunter moved toward the loud, stopping every now and then to listen. The women grew pale with the intention of their watch.

Found the Missing Watch.

Entering the boudoir, the detective stopped again and listened, his eyes shining with great excitement. Then he sprang forward, seized the coverslets on the bed and tumbled them back. Lifting the top mattress from the bed he threw it on the floor and pointed.

"There lay the watch on the top of the lower mattress.

"The ticks between the ticks," he exclaimed. "I knew it was there. I used to work in a minstrel show."

"Wonderful," murmured the Viscountess and the Baroness together. The maids crossed themselves.

"Well," remarked the Viscountess when she had recovered, "I knew I didn't wear it out of the room, any way."

When she was seen to-day the Viscountess insisted that some one had stolen a watch, and then finding that it was a heilloom had taken it back into her apartment and hidden it between the mattresses. But the hotel people said they thought she had just forgotten where she put it.

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FOUR KILLED IN WRECK ON B. & O.

Six Others are Injured When Western Express Crashes Into Two Big Freight Engines Near Cumberland, Md.

TRAIN MEN ARE CRUSHED.

(Special to The Evening World.) CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 16.—The fast Western Express on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad crashed into two engines in the South Cumberland Railroad yards here to-day, killing four of the trainmen and severely injuring six others.

THE DEAD.

BUTLER, BENJAMIN, engineer; South Cumberland.

MORAN, JAMES, fireman of express; Baltimore.

SIMMS, JOHN, engineer of the express; crushed under engine.

STANNING, J. H., fireman; South Cumberland.

Two engines had just been "fired up" in the yards and were crossing the main tracks to make a siding when the Western Express came thundering through, making thirty miles an hour, with two engines drawing a heavy train of sleepers.

Engineer Simms, in charge of the first engine of the passenger train, evidently did not see the engine ahead of him crossing the track until it was too late to stop his train. His levers showed that he had tried to stop, but the steam and reverse the eccentric and apply the air brakes, but he did not have time to jump, and as the engine and tender buckled down with the collision he was buried under the wreckage.

The two engines of the passenger train were piled in a conglomerate heap, while the two locomotives, which were struck, crumpled and exploded just after the collision, thus adding to the confusion. The passenger train, being brought to a stop, hurled the sleeping passengers from their berths, many of them receiving hurts and contusions, and some were seriously injured. For a few minutes, until it was found that the principal damage was confined to the engines, great excitement prevailed. Passengers climbed from the windows of the coaches in their night robes, and some were able to return when assured that all danger was over.

Traffic on the through line was not stopped, except the Western Express. The accident occurred in the yards, where there are many tracks, and other trains were able to pass around the wreck on other tracks.

Other engines were secured and after an hour's delay the Western Express proceeded eastward.

PATIENT HANGS HIMSELF.

Innane Factory Foreman Takes His Life in Hospital.

Charles E. Hayes, a patient in the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane, committed suicide to-day by hanging. He had been an assistant factory foreman before his arrest for insanity. His family lives at No. 28 Madison street, New York.

MARCONI MAKES DEALS.

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MARCONI PLANS GREATEST TEST

Arrives at Cape Cod and Prepares to Send Wireless Messages from There to His Station in Cornwall, England.

WORKS AT HIGHEST SPEED.

(Special to The Evening World.) WELFLEET, Mass., Jan. 16.—Marconi and his assistants arrived at the South Welfleet station to-day. The party were taken in carriages to the back side of the cape where the big towers loom conspicuously, and after luncheon Mr. Marconi began the work of perfecting matters for the transmission of signals to England.

It is the intention of the inventor to finish the work here as quickly as possible and take a steamer next week for the other side of the Atlantic, and with that idea in view, he will probably not stay here longer than three or four days, whether or not he succeeds in getting the Welfleet station in working order.

"If arrangements cannot be perfected between now and Wednesday," he said, "I shall leave matters in charge of my assistants and proceed to England."

Marconi is extremely guarded in all he has to say.

MARCONI OFF FOR CAPE COD.

Inventor Passes Through Boston on His Way to Station.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 16.—Sig. Marconi arrived here last night from Sidney, C. B., and to-day will continue his journey to the American station at South Welfleet, on Cape Cod.

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Stylish, Full Length, \$5 Coats at \$1.98. If you have looked anywhere else for coats this season, you will appreciate all the more forcibly what an immense bargain this is. There is a broad selection of these, both in color and size. Full length, of heavy English melton cloth, with either cuffs or double cape and inverted belt, Monte Carlo back, kimono reversed cuff and velvet collar. Shown in navy blue, cadet blue, brown, Oxford, sage green and red. Sizes 4 to 14. A good \$5 coat, special to-morrow at..... 1.98

Unmatchable Offers for Women.

Women's \$3.50 Walking Skirts for \$1.49. These are winter-weight walking skirts in the popular slit seam flare style; the bottoms are trimmed with seven-inch scalloped bands with fourteen rows of stitching; the material is a heavy wool cheviot, shown in black and shades of gray; various lengths and waist bands, worth \$3.50; special for four hours to-morrow at..... 1.49

Four-Hour Sale of Winter Waists. 49c. About 600 waists in the lot, in several different materials, including all-wool French flannels, fancy camel's-hair plaids and wool habit cloth; made with the broad shoulder effect in several styles, tucked and plaited; black and various colors; worth from 89c. to \$1.25 each; special for four hours to-morrow at..... 49c

Great Values in Boys' Clothing.

Boys' \$3 & \$3.50 Russian Overcoats, \$1.39. It is the best value we ever knew of in the way of Boys' Overcoats. The Russian blouse style is very popular; it's hard to get enough of them at regular prices to keep pace with the demand. Yet this offer for four hours is close to half value. Sizes 3 to 8 years. Strictly all-wool materials, in blue, brown, tan, gray, olive and mixtures; made of kerseys, meltons, chevots and coverts. With or without red-lined hoods. Belted backs, silk velvet collars, two rows of brass buttons, made to button high at neck. Well made, triple wrap Italian lining, extra long. Only one coat to each customer. None Sent C. O. D. and No Mail Orders..... 1.39

Boys' \$4 Three-Piece Suits, \$1.98. They are cut in mannish fashion and made of all-wool chevots and cassimeres in 8 patterns of latest designs; 3-button sack coat with single-breasted vest; wide French facings, semi-military back; sewed entirely with silk; pants have patent bands and flat-taped seams; sizes 8 to 15; special at..... 1.98

Great Sacrifice Men's Clothing.

Men's \$3 Trousers Special at \$1.50. These are great values, and there are plenty to last for four hours to-morrow, but don't come later than 1 P. M. Strictly all-wool worsteds and cassimeres in very neat stripe effects, many exclusive patterns; each pair a model of perfection and equal to custom made; the trimming and workmanship are of the finest \$3 values; sizes from 30 to 38 waist, all lengths.... 1.50

Men's \$8 Suits Special at \$4.50. Sizes 33 to 38. 56 Suits, exceptionally well made, but marked down from higher priced stocks for quick clearing. Woolen materials in various mixtures of chevots and cassimeres, including many black cloth suits, fine mercerized Italian lining, wide French facings, raised seams, semi-military cut; special for four hours, at..... 4.50

Men's \$15 Overcoats Reduced to \$8. A fine showing of Overcoats, lengths 42, 44, 46. Kerseys and Meltons in blue, black and gray, strictly all wool, with silk velvet collars. Workmanship, fit and finish exactly what you would expect to get at \$15.00; sizes 34 to 44; special for four hours to-morrow at..... 8.00

Shoes for Boys and Girls for Four Hours Only.

For Boys. Shoes made with double soles, heavy winter weight uppers and toe caps. Lace style with spring heels; sizes 8 1/2 to 13 1/2, special, per pair, 69c

For Girls. Stylish Shoes with good, durable heavy leather in the uppers and double soles. Exactly the shoe the girls need for present outdoor wear; sizes 7 to 11, special..... 69c

School Rubbers for Girls at 19c. per Pair. The entire 800 pairs in this purchase ought to be gone in four hours at this price. Good, strong Rubbers with spring heels. Sizes 11, 11 1/2, 12, 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, on special tables, at, per pair..... 19c

ALDERMAN TO PAY \$1,200 TO WOMAN.

She Stepped in His Coal Hole, and, Suing for Damages, Jury Gives Her Verdict.

Jacob Wand, who was Alderman for the old Eighteenth Assembly District when Boss Richard Croker lived there, will have to pay \$1,200 because of the failure of his man-servant to put a guard around the coal-hole in the sidewalk of his Twenty-sixth street house while he put in some kindling wood.

Miss Alice T. Graham, an investigator for the Charity Organization Society, came along on her rounds. She stepped into the coal-hole and one-half of her foot followed the foot.

Her spine was bruised. This was in 1899. She became Mrs. Stewart afterward, but has been an invalid ever since, and a jury in the Supreme Court, Justice Fitzgerald presiding, awarded \$1,200 damages to her to-day. John Montgomery Ward, once the idol of the baseball cranks, was Mrs. Stewart's lawyer.

The big ex-Alderman testified in wonderment that he never knew anything about any one falling into the coal-hole on his sidewalk until he was served with Mrs. Stewart's complaint.

DERELICT AT SEA ODDLY ABANDONED

Barge "Senator Penrose," Oil Laden, Found Seaworthy by Clyde Liner.

The Clyde line steamer New York, which arrived here to-day from West Indian ports, reports on Jan. 14 that while in latitude 23 1/2 longitude 73 35 she came up with the derelict barge Senator Penrose, with red flag flying in the starboard rigging.

A boat was lowered in charge of the chief officer, who on returning reported the barge abandoned. The crew had evidently left the barge in a great hurry, as their personal effects and plenty of provisions were left behind.

A boat was swinging in davits, hatches were on and well battened down.

The hoisting stock was gone, and there was a hole in the deck forward. The vessel was loaded with case oil and was in apparent good order. She was bound to Guantanamo, Cuba.

The barge Senator Penrose was last reported Jan. 9, when she left Philadelphia in tow of the Spanish steamer Niceto, for Guantanamo.

ut to Pieces by Train.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Jan. 16.—A man while walking on the New Jersey Central Railroad tracks near Netherwood to-day was struck by an express train and cut to pieces. The mangled body had not been identified.

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