DETECTIVES IN THE DARK.

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the opera, and the opening of the safe was for some hours a mystery. The front basement door of the house was found to be unlocked, although the butler was sure he had locked it as usual before going to bed. The detectives, when they began to investigate, said there was no mystery about the unlocking of the basement door, as the burglars doubtless had gone out that way. The trouble was to find out how the thieves had got into the house.

HOW DID THEY GET IN?

No locks on doors or window fastenings had been broken. The police examined the windows of the second story and found that all of the rear windows were unfastened. Mrs. Burden could not tell if the windows had been fastened before she left the house in the evening. It would have been easy to get in at a second story window from the rear yard, the police saw at a glance. There is a one-story extension in the rear of the house, and the roof of the extension is close to one of the rear windows of the house. Once on the roof of the extension, the burglars could have stepped directly through a window into the room where the safe stood. The yard in the rear of the house might have been approached from two directions.

Several windows of the Hotel Brunwick overlook the yard. One is a window with stained glass at the end of a small hall on the first floor of the hotel. This window is only a few feet above the flagging of the yard. It would be easy for any person to raise the window and jump into the yard, but such a thing could hardly be done without attracting attention, as the window is in plain sight from the passenger elevator. On the second floor of the hotel is a kitchen which is used only when there are dinners in the large banqueting hall. A window of the kitchen is close to the roof of the extension of the Burden house. Next to the kitchen is a room in which nurses employed in the hotel take their meals, and it also has a window through which a person can easily step to the roof of the extension. The stairway leading to the kitchen is accessible from either the barroom or the billiard-room of the hotel.

EMPTY JEWEL BOXES FOUND.

Next door to the Burden house on the east is the house of Mrs. David Stevenson, and the yards of the two houses are divided by a high fence surmounted by an iron railing. The hotel building blocks the rear end of the Burden yard, but the Stevenson yard runs to the private stable which fronts on Twenty-seventh-st. The police said it was possible for thieves to get through the stable and climb over the fence to the Burden yard. The discovery of some empty jewel boxes in the Stevenson yard increased suspicion that the robbers had got in that way. Mrs. Stevenson also was at the opera on Friday night, and her coachman took her home about midnight. The coachman and his assistant, who sleeps in the stable, declared that no burglar could get through that way. There is a big St. Bernard dog in the stable that looks dangerous.

The detectives who began to investigate the robbery on Friday night were inclined to think that somebody in the house must have been in collusion with the burglars. They might have directed their suspicions against some of the servants right away if the servants had been alone in the house at the time of the robbery. William Burden was in the house, however, and he had been one of the last persons to go to bed in the house before the burglary was committed. The detectives declared that the taking of the diamonds out of their settings must have occupied the attention of two or three men during the hour in which they had to work in the house. Such work, it was declared, proved that the robbery was committed by expert burglars, but it was also an indication that the men engaged in the crime felt secure from interruption, and were well informed about the movements and habits of the family.

LIST OF THE STOLEN JEWELS.

There was little sleep for the Burden household after the discovery of the robbery, as policemen were in the house and swarming about it until nearly daybreak. Early yesterday morning a full list if the stolen jewels was in the hands of the police. Then the value of the booty which the burglars had carried away was placed at $57,380. The list is appended:

Diamond necklace	$30,000
Diamond tiara	7,000
Emerald and diamond ring	2,000
Three diamond rings	3,000
Black pearl set with diamonds	2,000
Diamond bracelet	3,000
Diamond bracelet	1,150
Diamond bracelet	900
Diamond and emerald bracelet	500
One ruby and two diamond rings	1,000
Sapphire and diamond ring	1,200
Two turquoise rings	300
Turquoise necklace	600
Sapphire pin	500
Diamond-set watch with diamond bow	1,400
Gold and sapphire chain	500
Two enamelled heart pins set with diamonds	300
Two ball hat pins	1,000
Lady's gold watch, with raised letters "E. B. B."	80
Open-faced gold watch	250
Pearl pin	400
Leather purse containing $300	300
Total	$57,380

MR. BURDEN DOES NOT SUSPECT THE SERVANTS.

Members of the Burden family had little to say about the robbery yesterday. Mr. Burden said he had placed the case in the hands of the police and thought that every possible effort was being made to trace the stolen gems and capture the thieves. He also declared that he did not entertain any suspicion that any of the servants in the house had been in collusion with the robbers. Mrs. Burden remembered yesterday that she failed to lock the safe after taking out some diamonds to wear to the opera on Friday evening. Young William Burden, who has been attending a school near Boston and is home on his vacation, said that he thought the robbers must have been at work in the house when he went to bed before 11 o'clock. He contradicted a report that he was playing cards in the house before he went to bed.

Several friends of the Burdens went to the house yesterday to express their sympathy with Mrs. Burden on account of the loss of her diamonds, which had been so much admired. Many people stopped in front of the house and looked at it curiously. Detectives Vallely and Evanhoe, of the Central Office, remained in the house a good part of the day, talking with the servants and cross-questioning some of them in the hope of gaining some information of value. A watch was being kept on all of the pawnshops in the city in the expectation that an attempt might be made to pawn some of the stolen jewels, and messages were sent to the police of other cities to keep a similar watch.

CAPTAIN O'BRIEN'S STATEMENT.

Acting Captain O'Brien, of the Detective Bureau, made this statement in the afternoon:

"I am not prepared to state whether the robbery was the work of professionals or not. At present Detectives McCauley, Vallely, Evanhoe, Clark, Holland and Cuff are working on the case. Of course the entire staff are on the lookout, and the pawnshops are being visited to see if any of the stolen jewels have been pledged. I am notifying the police all over the country to look out for the diamonds. A list of the stolen goods and descriptions of the jewels are being sent to the out-of-town police. At present I cannot say whether my men have succeeded in obtaining any clews to the perpetrators of the robbery."

MR. PARKER ON THE SUBJECT.

Police Commissioner Parker made this statement:

"Every effort will be made to discover the Burden thieves. I have watched carefully from day to day alike the statements of the public press and the official reports of crime in this city. In periods now, as in the past, an isolated crime or group of crimes of a particular character are liable to occur. It is not impossible that some criminals may have gathered the impression that New-York City at present furnished a good field for their activity. They may have got that impression from the tone of some of the newspapers which have very strongly asserted that to be a fact, or considered the many very inadequate sentences lately imposed upon professional criminals by some of the judges. If they do entertain any such views they will be speedily undeceived."

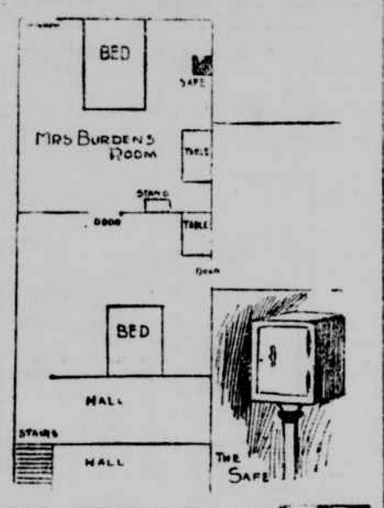


DIAGRAM SHOWING LOCATION OF MRS. BURDEN'S ROOM.

Whatever views were entertained at the Central Office, the police of the Nineteenth Precinct were of the opinion that only professional thieves of the longest experience and hardest nerve could have committed the robbery in the Burden house. They also thought that the burglars had been aided by some person who had a thorough knowledge of the house and of the habits of the occupants, and they were searching for a person who formerly was employed as a servant in the house. They also thought that the robbers had gained access to the Burden house through the Hotel Brunswick.

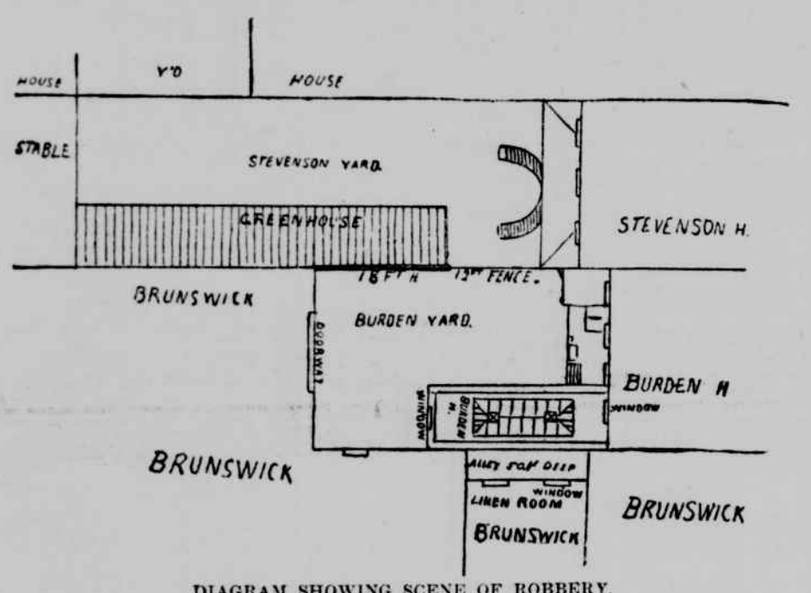


DIAGRAM SHOWING SCENE OF ROBBERY.

ONE THEORY OF THE WAY THEY GOT IN.

John Cronin, Mrs. Stevenson's coachman, and his assistant, Alexander, were questioned closely by the police on account of the theory that the burglars had been admitted through the stable in Twenty-seventh-st. Cronin said he drove Mrs. Stevenson to the opera and waited with the footman to drive her home again. The stable was locked in their absence and the big St. Bernard dog would have prevented any person passing through if the door had not been locked. Mrs. Stevenson got home from the opera about midnight and in less than half an hour afterward Cronin went home, leaving Alexander to sleep in the stable. By that time, of course, the robbers had left the Burden house.

REAR OF THE BURDEN HOUSE.

The most intense interest in the robbery of the gems was felt at the Hotel Brunswick all day yesterday. The corridors of the hotel were crowded with policemen, detectives, newspaper men and curious onlookers and guests. The detectives went to work in the most thorough manner to see if any one of the employees or the guests in the Brunswick had anything to do with the robbery. The manager of the house was called upon to furnish a duplicate copy of the ledger for the night, and the name of every guest that was in the house or had a room there Friday night. The police thought that it was more than probable that some one had secured a room at the hotel for the night and used this room as a means of gaining access to the halls of the hotels, from which it was easy to pass out into the unused kitchen and thus effect an entrance into the Burden house.

THE BRUNSWICK'S BOOKS EXAMINED.

The manager readily turned over his books to the detectives, but whether they found any evidence or not is not known. So far as could be learned, no person who was in the house Friday night came under suspicion. Nearly all of the guests of the hotel live in the house all the time, as the hotel is largely a family one, and many of the best-known society people in New-York made it their home. The Burden family, in fact, lived in the lately closed Victoria Hotel, which is just across the street, for a long time, and also were guests at the Brunswick for some time. The register for Friday does not show a large list of names, and every one there, so it is said, can account for himself.

The manager of the billiard hall, James Lynch, had a peculiar experience during the night. The billiard hall keeps open until 1 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Lynch had been out securing some new billiard balls, and returned to the hotel late. It was about 12 o'clock when he got back, and by that time the streets, the hotel and the whole neighborhood were aroused and thronged with people. Lynch thought there was a fire or something of the kind, as he came walking along with a package under his arm. He skirted the crowd, and did not try to thrust himself in owing to the fact that he is lame. Suddenly he was grabbed by a policeman. He tried to give an account of himself, but without waiting for any words he was hurried before the captain. He was soon able to clear himself, but he says that the next time any crowd collects around the Brunswick he will stay away until it disperses.

Mr. Swett, the manager of the house, was in a whirl all day. He had to answer questions put to him by every one. He was unable to tell anything. He said, in speaking of the matter: "I do not think that the robbery was effected by any one passing through the hotel. We have a watchman, whose duty it is to make a round of the house every half-hour. Then, again, the elevator runs all night. A boy is on duty there. The night clerk is at the desk and there is always at least one porter around to move baggage. To gain access to the rear part of the house it was necessary to pass this coterie of employes. That could hardly have been done. Still it is possible that some one may have gone through the hotel, but it is improbable. We can account for every guest in the house."

The hotel management made a thorough search of the halls and the fastenings to the windows, but not the slightest trace was to be found anywhere of any tampering. The management is inclined to think that the robbery was committed through the collusion of some one in the Burden house.

MR. BURDEN AT HEADQUARTERS.

Mr. Burden went to Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon to talk with Acting Captain O'Brien about the jewels stolen from the safe in Mrs. Burden's room. There was also a small safe in Mr. Burden's room. Mr. Burden did not discover until late yesterday that a gold chain and a pearl scarfpin had been taken from his safe. The strange part of it is that he locked the safe when he went to the opera, and it was locked when he discovered his loss, and he had the key in his pocket all the time.

Mr. Burden last night decided to offer a reward for the restoration of the stolen jewels, or for information which will lead to the arrest of the persons who stole them. The advertisement is printed with Captain O'Brien's sanction. It is as follows:

Parties controlling property taken from 5 East Twenty-sixth-st. on night of December 27, will do well before parting with same, or destroying setting, to communicate with owner. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest of party or for the recovery of property.
I. TOWNSEND BURDEN.

Acting Captain O'Brien said at 10 o'clock last night that Mr. Burden had not fixed any amount as a reward, and has inserted the above as an initial notice.

Detective-Sergeant McCauley, who made a thorough investigation yesterday, reported to Acting Captain O'Brien that he believed there was no doubt that the thieves escaped by going through the basement of the Burden house. The basement door was found open, and the servants were sure they had closed it. McCauley found some marks in the sill of the window in the Hotel Brunswick, which may have been caused by the burglars climbing through there. In the yard of the next house the officer found an empty jewel-case and a gold wire which was part of the stolen tiara.

THE JEWELS DESCRIBED.

Acting Captain O'Brien last night gave a minute description of the articles stolen. This is the list:

One gold bar pin, with solitaire diamond in centre.
Two clover-leaf lace pins, with three diamonds in each leaf, of carat weight.
One large black pearl, half inch in diameter, set in centre of circle of diamonds of two carats each.
One sapphire ring, set with circle of diamonds.
One ruby ring, set with two diamonds.
One sapphire ring, set with two diamonds.
One small turquoise ring, set with diamonds.
Two heart-shaped, blue enamelled pins, set with diamonds, diamond in centre with glass in back for hair.
Three rings, one small emerald with two diamonds, one small ruby ring with rubies across the top, one turquoise heart-shaped ring set round with small diamonds.
One small cat in diamonds.
One turquoise and diamond necklace.
One open-face, old-fashioned gold watch.
One pair blue enamelled gold bracelets.
One pair black enamelled gold bracelets.
One crystal heart-shaped pin, set with pearls, with wave of hair in it.
One pair of gold covers of solitaire earrings.
One gold chain purse, top set with one sapphire and four diamonds.
One long gold chain, with capuchin sapphires, set at intervals.
One necklace, containing twenty-two oval turquoises and twenty-two diamonds, close set alternately in 18-carat yellow gold.
One bracelet, containing sixteen diamonds and sixteen emeralds, ranging from three-eighths to three-quarters carats in a chased band.
One bracelet, containing twenty-eight pear-shaped diamonds, close set in platinum in a chased band.
Two hatpins, solid gold, set with diamonds.
One wing, containing three diamonds and four turquoises in a cluster.
One necklace, containing thirty-one graduated diamonds, close cut down, ranging from two to ten carats, in silver setting.
One vest chain, solid 18-carat, long links, double vest.
One brooch, consisting of an emerald centre of about ten carats, with a border of twelve diamonds, three-quarter carat, fancy-edge setting.
Three band rings, composed of a three-leafed curved piece, containing thirty-eight diamonds, three-quarter-carat each.
One bracelet, three stones and knife-edged bar, twenty-carat yellow diamond centre, with a three-carat white diamond on each side.
One watch, gold, diamond, open face, bow knot, top pin, number 34,073, made by F. Renandin.
One watch, gold, hunting case, straight line anchor, made by Tiffany & Co., 15 line, number 61,839.
One watch, gold, one-half hunter, straight line anchor, Roussel Fils, maker, No. 91,623.
One bracelet, fifteen graduated diamonds, one-half hoop, platinum setting, one-half to one-quarter carat.
One tiara, eleven ivy leaves, set solid with diamonds, upper and lower bar with large diamond centre, ten carats, graduated to three carats at back, twenty attachments.
One scarf pin, oval pearl peg set, of about seven grains.
One scarfpin, pear shape, white pearl, about twenty grains.

THE BRADLEY MARTIN ROBBERY.

Some of the Tenderloin police said last evening that the Burden robbery called to mind the robbery in the house of Bradley Martin, at No. 22 West Twentieth-st., early on the morning of April 20, 1893, soon after Mr. Martin's daughter had been married to the Earl of Craven. The thief climbed over a high wall into the yard in the rear of the house, got in through a window and stole thirteen watches and a lot of silverware, valued at $5,000. Several similar robberies had been committed in the city, among them robberies at the houses of J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles Lanier and W. J. Demorest, and the police thought they had all been committed by one man, who was an expert "second-story thief," because in most cases access had been gained to the houses through second-story windows.

About two months later the police captured Frank Davis, and found in his room some of the watches which had been stolen from Bradley Martin's house, and also property which had been taken from the other houses. Davis tried to commit suicide when he was in a cell at Police Headquarters. On June 19, 1893, he was sentenced to nearly twenty-five years in prison.

THE BURDENS IN SOCIETY.

THEIR SPLENDID HOME IN NEWPORT AND THE ENTERTAINMENTS GIVEN THERE.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Townsend Burden have been prominent in New-York and Newport society for many years. Their entertainments at Fairlawn, their summer home at Newport, have been among the most elaborate given at that place by any of the summer residents. Mr. and Mrs. Burden have always been very fond of giving dinners, and their entertainments at their home in Madison Square have never been more than dinner parties for between twenty-five and thirty guests. Their house does not admit of giving a large dance or ball. Fairlawn, the summer home in Bellevue-ave., Newport, which was formerly the summer retreat of Governor Levi P. Morton and his family, is now one of the finest places in "The City by the Sea." Mr. Burden, since he purchased it from Mr. Morton, has so entirely altered and enlarged it that the place and the grounds to-day bear very little resemblance to the original house which stood on the place.

Mr. Burden, who is a brother of James Abercrombie Burden, whose son, last June, married Miss Sloane, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, and a granddaughter of the late William H. Vanderbilt, has occupied the present home in Madison Square for nearly twenty years. He succeeded his father in the Burden Iron Furnaces at Troy, N. Y., an industry established there many years ago by his grandfather. He is a very rich man. He is a member of only one club, the Union.

Mrs. Burden was, before her marriage, Miss Evelyn Byrd Moale, of Baltimore, and her family was one of the oldest and wealthiest in the Monumental City. Her sister is Mrs. Robert L. Cutting, the widow of Mr. Cutting, of this city. Mrs. Cutting has for many years made her home in France. Mrs. Burden is a fine-looking woman, and is considered one of the best dressed women in fashionable society.

Mr. and Mrs. Burden's family consists of Miss Evelyn Burden, I. Townsend Burden, jr., William Burden, and a little girl, Gwendoline Burden. Miss Evelyn Burden, since her introduction into society several years ago, has developed into one of the most popular girls in the exclusive social circles. She is considered one of the best dressed young women in fashionable life. Miss Burden was a bridesmaid for Miss Sloane at the time of her wedding last June to Mr. Burden in Lenox, Mass., and also attended Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, as a bridesmaid, on the occasion of her marriage to the Duke of Marlborough in St. Thomas's Church last month.

The home of the Burdens in Madison Square is a beautiful one, filled with rare tapestries and works of art, but in comparison Fairlawn, their summer home in Newport, is infinitely superior in point of elegance. The salon and ballroom at Fairlawn are two of the most elegant apartments of the kind in Newport. The latter room extends across the front of the house, and is in the Louis XVI style, the tints being pale gray and white. A feature of this room, and one which adds considerably to its beauty, especially when it is lighted, is that the candelabrum project directly from the centre of the ten large mirrors inserted in the panelled walls. Above each of these mirrors are garlands and cherubs. The salon, which is fully 35x40 feet, is a beautiful room. The painted nymphs and cherubs on the arched ceilings are the work of a French artist, and are surrounded by pale gray medallions with white bow knots on each. The walls are hung with reseda brocade damask, and on each of them in panels are fine paintings, copies of famous masters. The gas brackets on the wall are of gold bronze, and the furniture, purchased in France, has gold frames and is upholstered in pale green and rose.

When Fairlawn was finished and ready for occupancy by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Burden, they planned a splendid ball, and had sent out cards for the entertainment at which their daughter, Miss Burden, was to have made her formal debut in society, everything was arranged for the party when Miss Burden and her younger brother, William, were stricken with typhoid fever. The invitations were cancelled, and the ball did not take place. Miss Burden and her brother were extremely ill until late in the autumn. Mr. Burden is one of the fifty Patriarchs, and with his family has attended for many years the important fashionable social entertainments of the season here and in Newport.

THE WORK OF EXPERTS.

ROBERT A. PINKERTON ON THE ROBBERY.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE METHODS OF CLIMBERS OR SECOND-STORY WORKERS.

Everybody in the uptown hotels, cafés and theatre lobbies talked about the great Burden diamond robbery yesterday afternoon. Donraven was forgotten, and theories as to how the robbery was committed were as plentiful as tips on the stock market. The Police Department was at sea, and could find no positive clew to the robbers. Robert Pinkerton, who is one of the foremost thief-catchers in the world, who has unravelled many of the tangled mysteries that have enshrouded great crimes, and who is as familiar with the methods of the different classes of crooks as any man in the world, made the following statement to a Tribune reporter yesterday afternoon:

"Crime has as many grades and classes as any of the legitimate callings. The Burden robbery is perhaps the greatest of its class that has occurred in this city in twenty years. Of all the criminals in the calendar the men known as climbers, or second-story men, are the most difficult to detect. There are instances, however, where robberies committed by persons familiar with the place where the robbery was committed, that have been attributed to experts or second-story men, that were only detected by pure accident. Now, in the case of the Burden affair there is nothing unusual about it except the enormous value of the jewels stolen. The second-story man, or climber, is a cut higher than the average bank robber or sneak money-dropper. There is perhaps sixty of the higher class of climbers in this country, and an equal number in Europe. The entire band is composed of Americans. The founder, or original second-story man, was known as Troy Dennis. He was killed while engaged in a robbery by stepping on the lintel of a door that gave way with him and the fall caused his death. Troy Dennis baffled and mystified the police of every important city in this country. He committed a large number of robberies and left no clew, as he carefully closed every window and sprung the catch besides locking the doors when he went out.

"The death of Troy Dennis and his methods were a revelation to the police, to whom the additional task of looking for second-story men was an arduous task, with only a small return in the number of arrests for such crimes. It is no easy matter to detect a second-story worker. As a rule they travel in pairs. One is an athletic, wiry man, who does the climbing and gets the 'stuff,' while the other is a strong, muscular man, who is amply able to take care of himself and two or three ordinary men.

"It may take months for the second-story men to perfect their plans. When they are perfected it is almost any odds that they are executed with decision and dispatch. Almost every other class of criminals frequent public resorts. Not so the keen, shrewd, wiry second-story workers. When they are in a city they invariably secure lodgings in an eminently respectable quarter. They dress neatly, without any display. Their families, as a rule, are not aware of their methods of obtaining a livelihood, but are left in blissful ignorance about the source of the plentiful revenue that the head of the family provides. The artists of the 'profession' never visit the public houses, where the so-called men-about-town and the disorderly women hold their revels. If they visit the theatre they invariably go home immediately after the show. When they select a residence where they are likely to make a rich haul they begin to study the habits of the different members of the family. It may take months to ascertain the details, as every scintilla of information is gained by personal observation, and no questions are ever asked of the servants or members of the family. When everything is satisfactory to the workers they await their opportunity and enter the house. The front door is arranged so as to be opened on the inside easily and with dispatch. The inside man goes from room to room, carefully tapping at closed doors, to find out if there is anybody in the room. Should the inside man scent danger, he hastens to leave the house by the front door, which usually is closed with care and in a majority of cases is furnished with a spring lock, so that when an investigation of the knocking at any of the doors is made there is usually as much mystery as if a robbery had been committed. As a rule the second-story workers seldom remain over six months in any city. In the summer they work the seaside resorts. Nearly every watering place has an annual sensation, caused by an extensive robbery of valuable jewelry. The record of the season just passed is like that of its predecessors. Large hauls of valuable jewelry have been made as in the past.

"The favorite hour to commit a robbery is when the household is gathered for dinner, when, as a rule, the entire corps of servants is in the dining-room or kitchen.

"Now in regard to the Burden case, the Police Department is doing all that anybody could do under the circumstances. Not one of the higher grade of second-story or house workers who are in the top row of what they term as their profession is known to the police. The men who are always anxious to furnish information to detectives or the police never get a chance to become acquainted with the leaders of that thieves 'cult.' As a rule in such cases there is no definite evidence as to how the thieves obtained an entrance to the Burden mansion. Everything relating to the case thus far is based upon theory. There is reason to believe that the thieves will be captured owing to the value of the stolen jewels. Every detail of the case, as stated by the newspapers, indicates that the theft was committed by experts from the shrewdest class of thieves in the world. Now there are men who are always ready to criticise the police when a great or sensational robbery takes place, but there are few who realize the difficulties under which the detectives labor to secure evidence.

"I have not been called into the case, but of course the Pinkerton Agency will do all in its power to aid the police should any information or evidence fall into its hands."

A LATER DATE FOR CLOSING STAKES.

Secretary McIntyre, of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, yesterday issued the following notice:

Owing to the fact that dates for the meetings of 1896 have not been settled upon by the Coney Island and Brooklyn Jockey clubs and Westchester Racing Association, the Brooklyn Jockey Club has extended the closing of the stakes, which it has announced, until Wednesday, January 15, 1896.

HARRY BREVOORT'S WILL FILED.

The will of Harry Brevoort, of Yonkers, who left an estate valued at $150,000 to his wife, Sarah, was filed in the Surrogate's office at White Plains yesterday. The testator inherited his fortune, which was made in the coal business.

MR. JASPER REDUCES HIS ESTIMATE.

In accordance with a law passed by the last Legislature obliging the city to provide text books for the public schools dealing with the effects of alcoholic stimulants on the human system, Superintendent Jasper, of the Board of Education, at the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment last Thursday, asked for an appropriation of $35,000 for the purchase of the books. The members of the Board of Estimate were of the opinion that this sum was excessive, and in a letter written by Controller Fitch to Superintendent Jasper at the suggestion of the Board the latter was asked to reduce his estimate to $25,000.

Superintendent Jasper has replied to Controller Fitch's communication, saying that with an appropriation of $35,000 the necessary books could be purchased, and that upon assurance of receiving this amount he could make affidavit, as requested, that the law had been complied with.

A VISITOR DRUNK IN THE PARLOR.

A POLICEMAN CALLED TO A MADISON-AVE. HOUSE TO RELIEVE A YOUNG WOMAN OF A TROUBLEOME GUEST.

Policeman Brannigan, of the West Thirtieth-st. station, while standing at Madison-ave. and Thirtieth-st. last night, was approached by a servant girl, who told him that he was wanted at No. 78 Madison-ave. Brannigan went with the girl, and at the door of the house was met by a young woman, who told him that a man, a friend of hers, had called upon her during the evening in such an intoxicated condition that he was unable to care for himself, and had refused to leave the house when she requested him to do so. She wanted Brannigan to take him home, remarking that she did not want him locked up, as he was "a very nice gentleman" and belonged to a good family in Brooklyn.

The officer asked her where he lived and she said in Brooklyn. Brannigan informed her that he could not take him there, and she then requested him to take him to a hotel, which Brannigan consented to do. He found the visitor a well-dressed, middle-aged man, half asleep in the parlor. He aroused him and managed to get him from the house and to the corner of Thirtieth-st. and Madison-ave., where his charge collapsed and sank to the walk. The man was then taken to the West Thirtieth-st. station.

OFFICERS OF THE N. Y. A. C.

The Nominating Committee of the New-York Athletic Club finished its labors yesterday, and the following ticket was posted last night: President, James Whitely; vice-president, Thomas L. Watson; secretary, John C. Gulick; treasurer, Charles E. Goodhue; captain, Hugh H. Baxter; governors to serve two years—B. F. O'Connor, W. S. Baldwin, Robert D. Winthrop, Seneca D. Powell, Benjamin C. Williams, James A. Lynch, Robert M. Thompson, Douglas Henry.

This ticket is not likely to have much opposition. The election will be held on January 15.

The smoking concert which was held in the gymnasium of the clubrooms last night was one of the most successful entertainments the club has ever given. The assembly was large and appreciative. Among the entertainers were Sherman and Morrissey, Sadie Fox, Murray Brothers, the Helene sisters, the Gotham City Quartet, Pollie Holmes, "Al" Wilson, Kittie Nelson, Ier, Burke and Randall and Miss Lillie Towner, accompanist.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

A COLD WAVE COMING RAPIDLY EASTWARD.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The pressure has risen with great rapidity over the middle and north Rocky Mountain districts. The storm has moved eastward slowly and is now central over Lake Superior. Under those conditions high northerly winds have developed along the entire Rocky Mountain slope, from the north border southward to Texas. A cold wave has formed in the Northwest, and will probably advance to the eastward and southward during Sunday. It will not, however, reach the Atlantic coast before Monday, if at all. The precipitation in the last twelve hours has been confined to a few and widely scattered localities. Generally fair weather is indicated in the eastern districts, possibly with more or less cloudiness on the Middle Atlantic coast. Cloudy weather, with light flurries of snow is probable in the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys and adjacent regions of the Southwest. Lower temperature will prevail in the middle and upper Mississippi Valley the western lake regions and the Southwest.

DETAILED FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

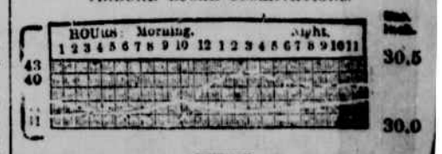
For New-England, fair except showers on the south coast; south winds.

For Eastern New-York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, fair, except scattered showers near the coast; south winds.

For the District of Columbia, clearing in the early morning; warmer; south winds.

For West Virginia, Western New-York and Western Pennsylvania, generally fair; variable winds.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



Tribune Office, Dec. 29, 1 a. m.—The weather yesterday was cloudy and mild. The temperature ranged between 31 and 43 degrees, the average (38 degrees) being 13 degrees lower than that of Friday and 24½ degrees higher than that of the corresponding day last year.

The weather to-day will continue fair and mild.

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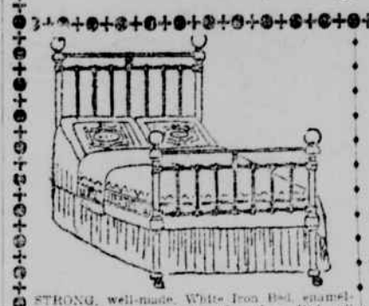

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Full line of Enamelled Beds to choose from.

CRYSTAL Glass imitation cut water Bottles ..... .29

CORNER Chair, best French silk, satin damask cover 4.25

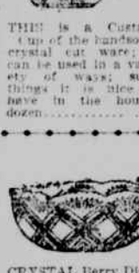
HARDWOOD frame Corner Chair, handsomely upholstered in brocatelle, with fringe, any color, raised back 3.78

THIS is a Crystal Table Caster, with nickel trimmings; very neat and cheap ..... .39

THIS is a Custard Cup of the handsome crystal cut ware; it can be used in a variety of ways; such things it is nice to have in the house; dozen ..... .43

MAHOGANY Rocker, inlaying of acacia wood, seat of satin damask, revival of the ancient 7.88

EBONIZED or mahogany finish Piano Stool, with brass feet 2.10
Without brass feet 1.80



CRYSTAL Berry Dish, diamond drilled ware. This pretty dish comes in 2 sizes, 8-inch bowl, 15; 7-in. ..... .09

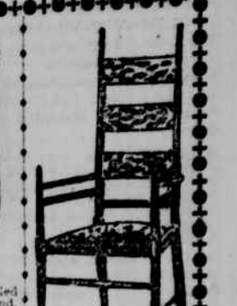
GLASS Tea or Breakfast Set, beautifully cut crystal ware—Butter Dish, Spoonholder, Sugar Dish and Creamer ..... .26

GERMAN Carlsbad Dinner Set, two styles, one hundred and two pieces, or one hundred and sixteen pieces; handsomely decorated. 102 pieces at ..... 11.39 116 pieces at 14.98

DIAMOND Drilled Crystal Celery Stand, one of the prettiest dishes you can get for this use. Gives a table such a dainty look ..... .13

HERE is a pretty Pitcher as you could see in a day's walk; diamond drilled crystal ware ..... .23

FLINT Glass Lemonade Sets, 7 pieces, handsomely engraved and decorated, fancy colored flint glass; price, with brass or silverine tray, 1.29; price, less tray ..... .99



SOLID Mahogany high-backed Puritan Chair, spring seat, upholstered in velours, choice of color 14.96

ROMAN Council Arm Chair, of Mahogany wood, Brocatelle or Damask, choice of colors, a grand chair 11.21

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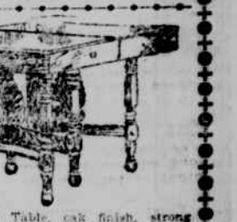

6-FOOT Extension Table, oak finish, strong under braces, size of top, 42x44 inches 3.98

WHITE enamelled hardwood, upholstered seat Reception Chair, choice of covering 2.75

HARDWOOD white enamelled or cherry Rocker, with loose cushion, choice of material or color 2.88

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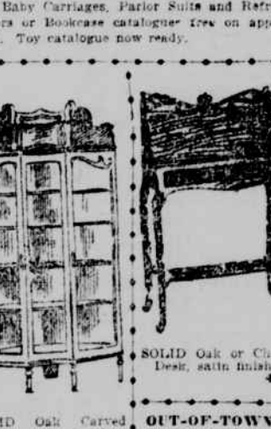

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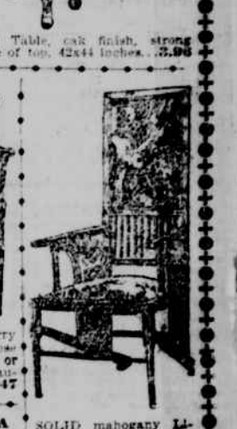

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