

IS IT HYPOCRISY OR FIBS?

FREDA MULLER'S STORY OF MINNIE WOLFF'S OCCULT INFERENCE.

She Says She Had to Do Whatever Minnie Ordered, and That She Got Nothing from the Stealing Which She Committed Under Compulsion Except an Apple and Half an Orange—Both Girls Are Pretty.

Whether it is really hypnosis, or whether it is only fibs that has come to interrupt the close friendship which has existed for three months between a sixteen-year-old girl and a twenty-year-old Minnie Wolff is a question which may never be decided unless some authority in occultism, William Quan Judge, for instance, shall come to the rescue and explain just where occultic art begins and fibbing ends.

Freda confesses having stolen \$32 from her employer, but she qualifies the admission by declaring tearfully that Minnie put her up to it and got the money; and she further says that Minnie had such power over her mentality that she could not withstand doing whatever Minnie told her to do.

Freda is a rather motherly appearing person, apparently not quite forty, dressed in plain black and is the very last person to be taken into custody by the police. She is a woman of a scale. Whether she is of low, and it is the only difference, and it would be a hard matter for any one to judge from her manner at the trial.

ANY MORE "INCOMPETENT"? Mr. Smith Suggests a General Examination of Newcomb Inspectors.

Mr. Alexander R. Smith, editor of Seaboard, has addressed the following letter to Secretary Charles J. Carlin, Secretary of the Treasury.

It is a remarkable but most serious state of affairs in this city to have a man in charge of the inspection of the city who is not only ignorant of the duties of his office, but who is also a man of such low character that he is unable to do his duty.

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THREE CHILDREN ON FIRE.

DELLA DEAD, MAUD AND THE BABY MAY RECOVER.

Delta Lighted a Piece of Paper at a Stove in Her Mother's Absence and Frowned at It. Fire created Maud's Dead.

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TAPPING A TROLLEY FOR LIGHT.

New Scheme for Utilizing the Night Time for Street Road Repairs.

The work of laying street car rails and making repairs has heretofore usually been done in the day time. This was mainly due to the difficulty of getting good light in which to work at night.

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ACCOUNTS \$16,000 SHORT.

ARREST OF HAROLD G. BUTT ON A WARRANT FOR FUGITIVE.

He Was Cashed for Samuel Hammerlough & Co., Clothiers—Their Books Showed \$16,000 (ash in Bank, and the Bank Was There Only \$200,000—Alleged Confession.

Harold G. Butt of 439 1/2 Duane street, Brooklyn, was arrested on Saturday night by Constable James of the Tombs square, on a warrant sworn out by Samuel Hammerlough, senior member of the firm of Samuel Hammerlough & Co., clothiers, of 604 Broadway.

The formal charge of grand larceny was made against Butt. He was the cashier of the firm and it is alleged that the accounts and the \$16,000 was worked up in the Elizabeth street station for the night.

Yesterday morning he was arraigned before Justice Ryan in the Tombs Court and held in \$3,000 bail for examination on Wednesday next after pleading not guilty to the charge. Butt is a tall, slender young man of 35 years, with fair hair and a slight mustache. He has gray eyes and a quiet, dignified bearing. He is married and has one child. It is said that he is related to the Virginia Butts.

Two years ago he became cashier for Hammerlough, saks & Co., who were doing business at 292 Broadway. He had previously been employed as an extra bookkeeper in the house of Claffin & Co. He produced high references, and there was not the slightest cause for suspicion on the part of the firm.

In July last Andrew Saks, who was the junior member of the firm, decided to withdraw, and Hammerlough was terminated with the consent of the firm. At that time Butt was in possession of the books of the firm, and it is said that they were found to be all right.

Butt's confession was made after a new partnership with Solomon Rosenthal and continued to do business under the firm name of Samuel Hammerlough & Co. All the old employees were retained.

Butt was asked to take account of stock at the first of the present month, and there was also a general investigation of the books. The inquiry last night was held in the office of the firm, and somebody had been juggling with the accounts. Expert accountants were called in.

The firm was supposed to have a cash credit of \$42,000 at several banks, as shown by the books. It was found, however, that the actual cash in the banks was only \$200,000. Mr. Hammerlough then swore out a warrant for Butt's arrest.

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THE POPES RECEPTION.

He Says He Hopes to See the Union of the Roman and Eastern Churches.

ROME, Dec. 23.—The Pope held a reception in the throne room today to inaugurate the Christmas festival. Twenty-two Cardinals, many other high ecclesiastics, noblemen, and conspicuous Catholic citizens were present. Cardinal Raffaele Monaco La Valerota, in the name of his colleagues, presented the best Christmas wishes to his Holiness.

In replying, the Pope emphasized the value of religious influence in the families, schools, and Governments of all countries. If there were no faith, he said, the world would be a chaos. He expressed the hope that he would soon be able to realize the union of the Roman and Eastern churches. His address contained no political allusions.

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