# MRS. BRAEMER AS A THIEF.

### *THE CLEVER WOMAN WHO WORRIED THE POLICE OF BROOKLYN.*

**Now Safe in Their Clutches Although She Once Slipped Away From Them—Her Skill as a Robber of Flats—Her Art Also in Making Herself Appear an Injured Woman.**

The Brooklyn police on Wednesday last arrested a woman for whom they have been looking for more than a year. The woman is Mrs. Eva Braemer. The police think she is a professional thief with an unusual amount of that cunning which some women are capable of showing when engaged in nefarious enterprises. No woman who has come under the notice of the police in Brooklyn for a long time has been credited with so much cunning as Mrs. Braemer on account of the boldness shown in the conception of her burglary plans and for the skill in which she eluded detection. Again and again she has come to the notice of the police through those who have been robbed. Once after a long hunt she was caught, but it was only to wriggle away again and disappear as though the earth had swallowed her up. This was when the books of the police department contained eighteen charges of burglary against her. To these several more have been added.

The police will not give an estimate of the amount of "stuff" Mrs. Braemer succeeded in getting during her operations in Brooklyn, but in value it reaches into the thousands. Although the search for the woman was fruitless for so long, the police were rewarded early by falling on her lair, which thus accounts for the return of some of the plunder to its rightful owners before the woman herself had fallen into their hands. During the last three months of her disappearance from the knowledge of the Brooklyn police this woman thief was sojourning on Blackwell's Island, paying the penalty for a small theft, which beside those for which she was wanted in Brooklyn was as nothing. It was there that she was found by the Brooklyn police, and upon regaining her freedom she was rearrested and taken over to Brooklyn to answer various robbery charges. Before she could be arraigned, however, she had to be removed to the Long Island College Hospital, where she will soon give birth to her fifth child.

It was as an expert flat operator that Mrs. Braemer achieved success as a thief. Flat operators of skill are the bane of the police, because of the simplicity of their methods. They leave behind no tools, in fact nothing on which the police can work and consequently this class of criminals in police circles come in for a greater share of denunciatory comments at the hands of the guardians of property than almost any other.

Mrs. Braemer has another art which in the opinion of the police puts her in the front rank of crooks. That is the art of deceiving Police Magistrates. Long years on the bench make the Magistrates shrewd judges of human nature and when a woman comes before them with her name attached to a string of robbery charges and makes it appear that a terrible mistake has been made, she is credited as being a clever sort of a person. This was what Mrs. Braemer succeeded in doing just when the police had almost finished tracing to her the eighteen charges she will now have to face.

Mrs. Braemer is about 32 years old with the face and features of a thrifty German housewife. She has not the shifty eyes of a crook, as was shown when she succeeded in convincing Magistrate Bristow that she was honest. Mrs. Braemer, when she first came under the notice of the Brooklyn police, was living with her husband at 238 Sackett street, Brooklyn. The police are satisfied that the husband is an honest, hard working man, and was unaware of his wife's crimes. He is employed by a brewing company.

Family cares did not interfere, however, with Mrs. Braemer's operations. It was her custom to inform some of her respectable neighbors that she was assisting her husband, who was a jewelry salesman. Rather than carry about with him much jewelry, she told them, he arranged with her to meet him and carry home some of the stuff for safekeeping. Her story was told with the same earnestness which deceived Police Magistrates and the neighbors were easily prevailed upon to care for the children while Mrs. Braemer was away pillaging a flat. Her custom was to visit houses where a sign told her there were rooms to let. She would enter these houses and by means of a set of false keys she would gain access to the apartments of tenants. She always carried a bag and in this she would put the spoil. Jewelry, silver, bric-a-brac, clothing and money she would carry away, but what astonished the police more than anything was the way in which she seemed always able to detect the presence of money. With the grade of people who were victims of her depredations it is customary to tuck money for housekeeping purposes in little strange nooks and corners. Sometimes it would be under the cover of a bureau. Another time it would be in a handkerchief box. Wherever it was it was generally the object paid to the apartment by Mrs. Braemer. The police are puzzled by the way in which her fingers got to it no matter where it was. The amounts seldom exceeded $40, but with the silver, jewelry and other things taken the haul altogether was considerable in each case.

It was just about the time when reports of robberies of this character were coming in thick to the police in four precincts in Brooklyn that Mrs. Braemer was caught while trying her hand on the home of Roundsman Thomas J. Farrell of the Amity street station at 226 Schoolhouse street. This was on Sept. 5, 1899. Farrell was off duty, and was asleep when he heard a key inserted in the door, which in a moment was opened by a young woman who Farrell did not know. He jumped out of bed and placed her under arrest. It was Mrs. Braemer. She told the same story she told everywhere in case she was found by someone in a flat she had entered. She said she had been sent there by a man to meet and had made a mistake. Farrell thought that a woman engaged in a search for living quarters should not have quite such a big hatchet or keys, so he took her to the station house. When arraigned before Police Magistrate Bristow the day Mrs. Braemer told a story that was a pathy from all not versed in the ways of crooks. The Magistrate was so impressed by it that, despite the testimony and the belief of the detectives that she was one of the clever thieves reported in such numbers, he was inclined to parole her. A woman present in the court told the Magistrate that she would be willing to give a personal bond for $500 for Mrs. Braemer's appearance. A charge was made later in this and John Murphy, the landlord, of 195 Union street, went her bail for $500.

The police meanwhile had been working on a case against Mrs. Braemer. They suspected her of being the woman who had robbed so many flats. Finally they got a search warrant and descended on her apartments. They found her room fairly glittering with gold watches, diamonds and other expensive articles. A patrolman was ordered to be called to carry the goods to the Butler street police station. Mrs. Braemer was not at home when the haul was made, but her children were. Her fingers were found deeply stained with rings recognized by the detectives as belonging to the people who had been filing the complaints of robberies. The losses in each case had not a bottom of the hall they had made, but brought attorneys and people to the station house to see the array. Mrs. Braemer's home in 238 Sackett street claimed over $300 worth of rings and eighteen pawnticks in all recognized as of the proceeds of thefts. During the trial during which the plunder was on view it was pathetic to see the little girl, a small edition of her mother, who had her little breakfast, dinner and supper of the photographs, pictures, bracelets, rings, watches, hair pins, pins, earrings, and other articles of wearing apparel and jewelry. None of the money, which made up a large part of the value of the plunder, was in evidence.

When Mrs. Braemer's case was called in court on Sept. 5 she did not appear, but her husband did. He said his wife had disappeared and had left no trace behind her.

I am away with the children. Will let you know later, he said.

That was the last seen of Mrs. Braemer until a short time ago. It appears that she took her children to Manhattan and hired a small flat. Three months ago she began to rob again. This time Mrs. Braemer had a small scale. She was caught in the act of robbing the outside of a flat in Harlem and Mrs. Braemer was sent to the Tombs for a long term. Meanwhile the eighteen charges against her and the charge of robbery made by the Brooklyn police in addition to the charge of robbery in Harlem, were all left on the docket. The Brooklyn detectives were satisfied that the woman they had caught was the woman who had been making the Brooklyn robberies, but they were unable to find out in what way she had operated in that borough.

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## *GOLF.*

**Harry Vardon to Play at Van Cortlandt Park on Saturday.**

Harry Vardon will give a thirty-six-hole exhibition at the Van Cortlandt links on next Saturday. It will be the first time in his career that he has played on public links here or abroad. The exhibition, for which Vardon is paid his full rate of $250, is under the auspices of the Van Cortlandt Club, an organization of amateurs who use the public course, the members of which have subscribed the money for the match in the belief that the display by the great exponent of the game will be of benefit to all who play at Van Cortlandt. The course will, as usual, be open to all who choose to follow the match, with the proviso only that the spectators keep back of the ropes and do not make a noise while the players are preparing to make their strokes. In the morning Vardon will play eighteen holes against the best ball of Val Flood, the golf superintendent and resident professional, and H. H. Brown, and in the afternoon, on the same conditions, Vardon will oppose the best ball of Flood and W. C. Morrill. Both Morrill and Brown are members of the Van Cortlandt Club.

Although the season for tournaments is nearly over, there is a good chance that the M. G. A. will run off a championship for the professionals under engagement to metropolitan clubs, on the plan that has been written about in THE SUN. H. H. Robertson, President of the M. G. A., said on Saturday that the tournament would be talked over at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and he added that the idea seemed to be a sound one and worthy of support if the method of the Western Golf Association is carried out a trophy will be put up for annual competition and there will be also a number of cash prizes.

This will be rather a quiet week in local golfing. There will be a monthly handicap for women to-day at the Harbor Hill Golf Club and on Thursday a mixed four-some handicap at the Apawamis Club. The caddies of the Morris County Golf Club will hold their annual tournament on the same day.

H. H. Hilton, the amateur champion of Great Britain, with C. A. Palmer, another English player, had an interesting match a fortnight ago over the Sandwell links, near Birmingham, playing against the Scotch amateurs, Edward Blackwell and Dr. Charles Robertson. There was a large number of spectators at the match, which gained an added interest from the fact that the opposing players represented England and Scotland. After a splendid exhibition of high-class golf the Scotchmen come out victors by 4 and 3. Dr. Robertson lowered the course record of seventy-nine strokes by one.

Bayside, Nov. 11.—Walter J. Travis will contest with Dr. W. S. Brown on next Saturday for the championship of the Oakland Golf Club. To-day Travis met A. W. Rossiter in the semi-finals and after the latter had made a game fight he was beaten at the sixteenth hole by 4 up and 2 to play. Travis was in his best form. Dr. Brown, in the other semi-final, defeated George Cogzell by 1 up in nineteen holes. H. M. Hobbell and F. H. Rossiter are the survivors for the consolation cup.

### Chess.

The two games which were left adjourned in the sexangular tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club on Saturday afternoon were finished yesterday. Showalter, who had slightly the better position against Hodges, had to be satisfied with a draw after sixty-seven moves, while Baird beat Marshall after fifty-six moves. Lipschutz and Showalter, with seven points each, are a tie, while Hodges, with four points, is third. Showalter and Lipschutz will play off the tie to-morrow evening. The scores of the games decided yesterday follow:

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

| Hodges. White. | Showalter. Black. | Hodges. White. | Showalter. Black. |
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| | | 1 hr. 35 min. | 1 hr. 55 min. |
| 1 P-Q4 | P-Q3 | 18 B-Q2 | P-B3 |
| 2 P-Q4 | P-K3 | 19 Q-Q2 | BxB |
| 3 Kt-Q3 | Kt-KB3 | 20 RxB | PxP |
| 4 B-K3 | B-K2 | 21 KtxP | P-B4 |
| 5 Kt-B3 | Q-Q2 | 22 B-B2 | K-B2 |
| 6 P-K3 | P-B3 | 23 K-B2 | P-K4 |
| 7 P-QR3 | QKt-Q2 | 24 Kt-Q3 | P-K5 |
| 8 Q-B2 | P-K4 | 25 Kt-K2 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 9 Castles | KtxP | 26 Kt-Kt3 | Kt-B5 |
| 10 PxP | PxP | 27 Kt-Q2 | Kt-K4 |
| 11 KtxP | Kt-B4 | 28 K-K2 | P-B4 |
| 12 B-B2 | Castles | 29 K-B3 | P-B5 |
| 13 Kt-Q3 | Kt-B3 | 30 Kt-Q3 | P-KR3 |
| 14 Q-B3 | P-QR3 | 31 Kt-B2 | P-B6 |
| 15 Q-R6 | Kt-Q5 | 32 Kt-K3 | Kt-Q3 |
| 16 Q-B6 | B-Q3 | 33 Kt-Q3 | B-Q2 |
| 17 Q-B | B-Q | 34 B-Q2 | P-KR4 |
| 18 Qxt | KtxB | 35 P-KR3 | PxP |
| 19 Kt-K2 | B-K3 | 36 PxP | P-R5 |
| 20 Kt-Q3 | Q-B2 | 37 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 21 Kt-B5 | BxKt | 38 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 22 KtxKt | Q-Kt2 | 39 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 23 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 | 40 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 24 R-Q | Q-Q2 | 41 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 25 P-QR4 | P-QR4 | 42 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 26 P-R4 | Q-Q3 | 43 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 27 P-R5 | Kt-K4 | 44 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 28 Q-Q2 | Kt-Q2 | 45 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 29 Q-K2 | P-B3 | 46 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 30 P-K4 | PxP | 47 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 31 PxP | P-Q4 | 48 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 32 P-B5 | P-Q5 | 49 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 33 P-B6 | P-Q6 | 50 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 34 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 51 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 35 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | 52 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 36 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 53 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 37 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | 54 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 38 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 55 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 39 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | 56 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 40 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 57 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 41 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | 58 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 42 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 59 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 43 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | 60 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 44 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 61 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 45 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | 62 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 46 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 63 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 47 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | 64 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 48 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 65 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 49 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | 66 Kt-Q5 | Kt-K4 |
| 50 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | 67 Kt-K3 | Kt-B3 |
| 51 Q-K3 | Q-K3 | | |
| 52 Q-Q3 | Q-Q4 | Drawn. | |
| 53 RxR | RxR | 2 hrs. 9 min. | 3 hrs. 5 min. |

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

| Baird. White. | Marshall. Black. | Baird. White. | Marshall. Black. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 30 PxQ | R-K2 |
| 2 P-Q4 | P-K3 | 31 R-Q2 | R-K8 |
| 3 P-KB3 | Kt-KB3 | 32 R-K2 | R-K2 |
| 4 B-Kt5 | B-K2 | 33 R-K2 | R-Kt1 |
| 5 Kt-B3 | Kt-R4 | 34 R-K2 | R-K2 |
| 6 P-Q5 | P-KKt3 | 35 R-Q2 | R-Q |
| 7 P-QR3 | BxKt | 36 RxR | K-K |
| 8 QxB | P-QKt4 | 37 K-B2 | K-Q3 |
| 9 P-K3 | P-B4 | 38 K-K3 | K-B4 |
| 10 Q-Q2 | Kt-Q2 | 39 P-KR4 | P-R3 |
| 11 P-KR3 | P-KR3 | 40 P-R5 | P-R4 |
| 12 P-KKt4 | P-K4 | 41 P-Kt4 | P-Kt5 |
| 13 P-K4 | P-Q5 | 42 P-K5 | P-B6 |
| 14 Kt-Q4 | Kt-B3 | 43 K-Q3 | P-B7 |
| 15 Castles | Castles | 44 K-Q4 | P-B8=Q |
| 16 Kt-Kt3 | BxKt | 45 K-B5 | Q-Q8 |
| 17 KtxB | P-Kt3 | 46 K-Kt6 | Q-Q7 |
| 18 P-B3 | P-K5 | 47 K-B7 | Q-Q8 |
| 19 P-Kt4 | P-KB4 | 48 K-Kt6 | Q-Q7 |
| 20 P-Kt5 | P-B5 | 49 K-B7 | Q-Q8 |
| 21 P-B4 | P-B6 | 50 K-Kt6 | Q-Q7 |
| 22 K-Kt2 | P-Q6 | 51 K-B7 | Q-Q8 |
| 23 K-B3 | P-Q7 | 52 K-Kt6 | Q-Q7 |
| 24 R-Q | R-Q2 | 53 K-B7 | Q-Q8 |
| 25 R-Q2 | P-B7 | 54 K-Kt6 | Q-Q7 |
| 26 R-B2 | R-Q8 | 55 K-B7 | Q-Q8 |
| 27 R-B3 | R-Q7 | 56 K-Kt6 | Q-Q7 |
| 28 R-Q3 | R-Q8 | 57 K-B7 | Resigns. |
| 29 Q-Kt3 | Q-Q | 2 hrs. 27 min. | 2 hrs. 32 min. |

The record of the contestants follows:

| | Won. | Lost. | | Won. | Lost. |
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| Lipschutz | 7 | 2 | Hymes | 3½ | 5½ |
| Showalter | 7 | 2 | Baird | 3 | 6 |
| Hodges | 4 | 5 | Marshall | 2½ | 6½ |

The play off and last round will be played to-morrow evening in the following order: Marshall vs. Hodges, Showalter vs. Lipschutz and Hymes vs. Baird.

### Over Hill and Dale on Long Island.

A big paper chase was held under the auspices of the Brooklyn Athletic Club from its grounds, Grand Street Park, Maspeth, yesterday. The course was from the clubhouse directly over the fields to Fresh Pond, then back by way of Newtown, East Williamsburg and Corona, the trail covering seven miles in a triangle. The hares were Sidney Curtis of the Brooklyn A. C. and William D. Wyatt of the National A. C., who received seven minutes' start of the pack of hounds, who were in charge of Thomas F. Fraser and William H. Classen of the Brooklyn A. C., John C. Doyle and Herman J. Classen were the pacemakers. Curtis was caught a mile and a half from home, but Wyatt finished with a good lead. Then came:

William H. Classen, second; Thomas E. Fraser, third; Samuel Cutts, fourth; Frank Lewis, fifth; John Ryan, sixth; Frank Lewis, seventh; M. Nolan, eighth; W. Hughes, ninth and J. Donnelly, tenth. Time, 41 minutes 37½ seconds.

A big deputation of athletes started out from the City A. C. grounds in Long Island City for the Brooklyn Athletic Club grounds, a distance of 7 miles. The grounds are across Noble's ferry, to Webster avenue, across the old Bergen Park grounds to Woodside, thence to Thompson avenue, through Mott avenue to Jackson avenue, finishing at the clubhouse. J. J. Kiernan, Jr., and Thomas H. Hurley were the pacemakers, and they had all the way to a lively gait. The contest was between the Brooklyn and the City A. C. men, and it looked as if Keogh, the former winning by two feet. The order finished in this order:

W. Hayden, W. Zieglar, M. Bartholomew, A. A. Richards, Pa. Smith, J. Keogh, J. Fehrer, Sam A. Cohen, Jim Lynch, Jim Lynch, Jr., William H. Hoey, E. Ryan, Fred Hoey, Star Wright, J. Carroll, Geo. A. Cook, Mike Sweeney, A. C. S. Tuomey, Geo. Lynch, J. Mooney, Sam A. C. S. Tuomey, Geo. Lynch, J. Mooney, Sam A. C. S. Tuomey, J. Gibbons, Jim Bartholomew, A. A. C. Tuomey, J. Gibbons, Jim Bartholomew, A. A. C. Tuomey, Star A. C. Tuomey, Star A. C. Tuomey, Star