

HE WHO STOLE THE DUCHESS

STUDIES RUSKIN NOW, AND GOES TO THE LONDON ART SALES.

Has a Boy in a Famous English Public School and Girls in a Paris Convent—His Plan Was to Be Taken Off the Ettrick at Queenstown by a Small Boat and Without Any Good-bys.

Now that the Gainsborough portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire has been recovered and the story of how it was stolen and returned to its owner has been told, everybody is weary of hearing more about the thief. Curiosity is keenest over his identity.

If that curiosity is ever gratified, it will be by accident in the near future or by intent after the lapse of many years. At least, every effort will be made by those who know the man's whereabouts to guard it well for a long time to come. Although The Sun may not reveal the identity of this interesting personage, it may tell as much of his character and career as anybody would be interested in knowing.

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LEYEV CALLS THIS NEW CHARTER PROVISION A SCANDALOUS JOB.

\$20,000 Each Must Be Paid Yearly to Four Newspapers in Queens, Two in The Bronx and Two in Richmond for the Borough Advertising. No Matter How Little It Is.

Deputy Comptroller Edgar J. Levey who was appointed a member of the Charter Revision Commission at the suggestion of Mr. Colman and was the only officer of the city government on that commission has discovered several additions to the document that left the commission's hands calculated to surprise, he believes all of his fellow members of that commission and a good many other people. One of those things he characterized yesterday as "one of the most scandalous jobs ever put up to rob the taxpayers of this city."

This is in section 1526 which has to do with the City Record and the city's advertising. There has crept into this section a provision regarding the city's advertising which will cost the city just \$160,000. The amendment to section 1526 in which this change is made provides for the subsidizing of eight daily newspapers at \$20,000 apiece in The Bronx, Queens and Richmond. The amount of advertising to be published in these papers is optional with the city but it is not optional how much shall be paid.

The newspapers selected in Queens must have been daily papers for sixty days before the law goes into effect, but newspapers in The Bronx and Richmond need not have been daily papers. The newspapers, one of each party, are to be selected by the chairmen of the Democratic and Republican committees in the respective boroughs, if there be such committees, otherwise by the chairmen of the county committees.

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LEFT TO M. J. CENTRAL MEN.

GRAND CHIEFS GIVE UP ATTEMPT AT INTERVENTION.

Employees Now May Vote on Strike or No Strike Many Hope a Two-Thirds Vote of Any Organization and the Approval of the Chief.

The chiefs of the five railroad organizations who have been in this city for nearly a week decided at a meeting late yesterday night to discontinue their intervention with the Central Railroad of New Jersey. They had decided to wait until to-day to hear a reply from General Manager Warren to their third request for a conference with a view to settling the differences between the employees and the company, but at the Saturday night meeting came to the conclusion that it was useless. They then decided to wash their hands of all further responsibility in the matter as far as negotiations with the company are concerned and let the men decide for themselves what they will do.

Chief Sargent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen took a train for his headquarters in Peoria on Saturday night after the meeting. Chief Dolphin of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers started for St. Louis yesterday. Grand Master Morrissey of the Order of Railroad Trainmen, who lives in Cleveland, left home early this morning and P. M. Arthur, Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, left by the night train for Cleveland. E. E. Clarke, Chief of the Order of Railroad Conductors, remained in this city and will leave for Cedar Rapids, where he lives, to-day.

Chief Arthur was interviewed as he was about entering the Grand Central. "Have you seen Mr. Sargent or Mr. Clarke or any of the other chief-to-day?" was asked. "No, sir. Mr. Sargent left last night. I presume he went home, as I am doing and the others are doing."

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TO WED AN AUSTRIAN.

Nephew of the Late Empress Will Take an American Girl for His Bride.

ALEXANDER, Pa., April 7.—Count von Larisch, nephew of the former Empress of that country, and Miss Mar Satterfield of Buffalo, N. Y., who are visiting friends in this city, are engaged to be married. The Count met his fiancée in 1900, while she was visiting in Europe. She is the daughter of a prominent family and is a native of Buffalo, N. Y.

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PLAYED BOWLS WITH GOLD WATCHES.

The Game in Broadway by Three Persons Who, Having Dined, Didn't Mind the Expense.

Indulgence in the somewhat infrequent pastime of rolling gold watches about the crowded sidewalk of Broadway near Twenty-ninth street last night led to the arrest of two men and a woman. All three were well dressed and prosperous looking.

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COAL POCKETS OF L. E. R. BURNED.

Tracks Blocked All Night and Wires Down Damage, \$15,000.

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MISS GRIFITH OF NEWARK THREW IT OVERBOARD IN A BOTTLE.

She Wrote on the Letter an Order of \$3 If It Were Returned to Her—Got It Back Last Thursday From the Only English Lady in a Norway Town—Fisherman Found It.

A message which had been floating in the Atlantic Ocean in a bottle for nearly nine years has found its way back to Miss Ada J. Griffith of 402 Mount Prospect avenue, Newark. Nearly a decade ago Miss Griffith, who is a daughter of T. W. Griffith, was returning to this country from England. To verify the monotony of the voyage she determined to try the experiment of casting a message adrift in the ocean. She used an English telegraph blank and penned a note to the late W. W. Byington, a former Newark man, who had been one of the party in Ireland. On the back of the note the young woman wrote:

Miss Ada J. Griffith, Mount Prospect avenue, Newark, N. J., will pay \$3 for the return of this telegram. When the vessel was in the middle of the Atlantic the bottle was dropped overboard. After Miss Griffith returned home days, weeks, months and years passed without Miss Griffith hearing from the message, and the incident had long since passed from her mind when she was one day surprised to receive a letter bearing a foreign postmark. Enclosed in the inner envelope was the identical message of nine years ago. With the message was a letter dated "Kristiansund, N. Norway, March 22, 1901." It read:

Dear Madam: My reason for addressing you is that I am interested in the enclosed telegram which apparently you wrote and returned to me. It was picked up at sea in a bottle by a poor Norwegian fisherman of the coast of Smølen, an island near the town of Kristiansund, N. Norway. He brought it to a Norwegian office here and I, as the only English lady in the town, have translated it and wish to return it to you. I am sorry on his behalf, the \$3 promised in writing to the finder. The man being very poor will be glad and thankful to receive the kind reward. If you care to send it through me I will see that it comes into his hands and obtain a signed acknowledgment from him.

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Nothing Else So Comfortable as the great tanks of the New York Central with the best of the South and West every day. Secretary, 100 Wall street, New York.