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THE BLACK HAND IN ITALY

LE QUEUX, NOVELIST, TELLS OF HIS EXPERIENCES.

Power Wielded by the Dreaded Secret Order—Extortion and Murder.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

LONDON, March 24, 1909.

"William Le Queux, the novelist, has told a London paper an interesting story of his personal experiences of the Mafia.

"My first actual experience," he says, "was when I took up my residence in Italy some fifteen years ago. To my house in Leghorn there one day came a respectable dressed tradesman, presenting a bill for nearly \$40 for furniture, of which I had never heard.

"I behaved rather rudely and told my man to put him outside. He went, but he pestered me by calling every day with the same demand.

"At last one morning my servant came to me looking rather worried and asked whether I had not better consult the questore, or chief of police, as he did not like the stranger's threats. That afternoon I called and had a chat with the chief of police and showed him my alleged account. When he had heard the circumstances he inquired:

Advised to Pay.

"Do you intend to reside in Italy long? If so," he added, "pay and you will avoid a good deal of trouble."

"Next day when the stranger called I paid the money and received a formal receipt for a good many years and seemed to be exempt from extortion.

"I, however, by means which I have never discovered, felt foul of the Mafia very badly while living at my villa at Signa, above the Arno. One afternoon my faithful man servant urged me to fly from Italy once. There was a plot by which I was to be attacked that night and I was to be killed.

"I resolved to go to Florence, fourteen miles distant, and seek the protection of the authorities. That afternoon my servant, every courtesy by the Chevalier Luigi Fieschi, an expert police officer.

"When the chevalier questioned my servant he refused to give any details in my presence. Therefore, I left the pair alone. Ten minutes later the Sherlock Holmes of Italy told me that a most desperate plot was no doubt prepared and that he should come himself in secret to my house and bring eight of his detectives, also in secret, to guard me.

Guarded Nine Days.

"I returned home, and through the evening one stranger after another arrived until there were nine of them. For nine days I was thus closely guarded, when suddenly it was discovered that sentence of death had been withdrawn, and my guards left me with two attendants only.

"The day that they left, however, a poor contadino was shot dead by an un-

known hand at dark just outside my gate. I have never discovered whether that bullet was really intended for me.

"Only a year ago a rich Italian family named Gondi came from New York to spend the winter in Palermo. The father was being pressed by the Black Hand, and because he refused to pay the sum demanded his little son, aged ten, disappeared.

"Next day he was found near the Villa Ignea, but the poor little fellow's eyes had been burned out.

ZOOLOGICAL OUTBREAK.

Fashion Responsible for Winged and Horned Decorations.

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Every now and then fashion decrees that there shall be a zoological outbreak. This season it takes the form of every kind of winged, horned and four-footed creature.

On handkerchiefs, umbrellas, blotting books, bags and note paper there are creeping, crawling, flying insects, birds and beasts. It is the fashion of the moment to have something of the kind on all one's belongings.

Beetles and butterflies appear on dainty handkerchiefs, swallows and mice and lady birds and owls meander over stationery; dragons and peacocks are embazoned on sofa cushions, kittens and Teddy bears decorate the tops of umbrellas, while possible and impossible creatures are utilized as hatpins.

Women would appear to have a peculiarly natural history. At one time there was a craze for stuffed kittens that crawled over photograph frames and another which caused women to wear the heads and tails of various dead creatures slung about their necks and depending from muffs, while their waists and wrists were adorned or disfigured with coiled serpents.

TELLS OF CHINESE BAND.

Sir Robert Hart Delivers Address Before Authors' Club.

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In an address to the members of the Authors' Club last Monday night Sir Robert Hart told an interesting story of his Chinese band, to which reference had been made by the chairman. After describing the ease with which his band learned music Sir Robert said that during the Boxer troubles some European troops got out of hand and began to loot.

A party of Russian soldiers entered the house of one of his bandmen and threatened violence to the man's mother and sister. The bandman then played the Russian national anthem and the soldiers stood at attention, saluted and passed out without saying a word.

"I had often thought that I had wasted a good deal of money in keeping up the band," added Sir Robert, "but that little incident was worth all the money I had spent. For it saved property and protected women from outrage."

Miss Dessie R. Renick and Harry F. Bonner, both of Hagerstown, Md., were married in that city.

CAPITOL MADE OVER

Pathfinder Needed to Find New Quarters of Committees.

CHANGES ARE EXTENSIVE

Rooms Made Larger and Redecorated and Refurnished.

SENATORS' QUARTERS SHIFTED

Many Alterations Still to Be Made. Post Office to Be Moved to New Building.

Even those who, through long experience, had become so familiar with the labyrinthian interior of the Capitol that without hesitation they could go by the shortest route to the committee room or private office in the Senate wing, now find themselves completely at loss when they start out on such a journey.

From the tangled stairways of the attic to the twisted corridors of the basement and subbasement things are not what they used to be. It is all because of the new Senate office building.

Much of the congestion in the Senate wing has been relieved by the assignment of rooms over there to some committee and practically all senators. Apportionment of space so vacated in the main building and arrangement of rooms is changed to a great extent as a result.

Post Office to Move.

The most noticeable alterations under the new plan are yet to be made. The post office, for years located on the ground floor just inside the east door, is to be moved to the new building, and a branch is to be maintained in the main building.

This branch office is to have the centrally located quarters now occupied by the captain of the Capitol police on the central corridor of the Senate wing across from the restaurant, and on the ground floor. The captain and the lieutenant on the floor with the committee room, the captain getting Senator Borah's old room in the "old library space," and the lieutenant the room formerly occupied by Senator La Follette on the subterranean.

The committee on the District of Columbia will retain its present quarters on the same floor with the committee chamber and on the east front. Senator Gallinger, the chairman, has also a suite of private rooms on the fourth floor of the new office building, and expects to have the use of a fine big bedroom in that building for hearings.

No change will be made in the handsome rooms of the committee on military affairs, on the ground floor of the main building, except to add the adjoining room, formerly occupied by the Cuban relations committee, which goes over to the new building. The rules committee keeps its old room and, in addition, used heretofore by Senator Dewey, who has just been appointed chairman of the committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, will place an additional taken up his abode in the "old library space."

Stationary Room for Clapp.

Senator Clapp's committee on Indian affairs, on the ground floor, has been assigned to the main stationary room, giving him entrances on two corridors and a fine suite of rooms. The stationary room gets the quarters formerly occupied by laborers, who go down into the basement.

The committee on coast defenses goes over to the new building. Senator Penrose gets his old room for his committee on post offices and post roads.

Senator Burkett, going over to the new building, leaves the Senate wing and is added to the old census committee's quarters, which are now occupied by Senator La Follette. Senator Downer, who has become chairman of the committee on agriculture and forestry, gets a fine suite of rooms where the printing committee used to be on the ground floor, and in a fair way to get the space now occupied by the post office.

Guide Will Be Needed.

These are but a part of the changes to be effected. So that one will need a guide to find his way around the Senate end of the Capitol for many weeks to come and will have to learn all over again the threading of the difficult labyrinth.

One incident of the change that has created some amusement was the fencing of Senators Bacon of Georgia and Tillman of South Carolina to keep their rooms in the main building. Mr. Bacon is chairman of the committee on engrossed bills and Mr. Tillman of the committee on the Five Civilized Tribes, neither ever known to meet. But they are conveniently located, though in very small adjoining rooms just back of the document room.

The natural thing to have been done—and it was suggested by Senator Bacon—was to have made one of the two cubby holes and then moved one of the two Senators over to the new building. The trouble was they couldn't agree which would go.

Agree to Disagree.

Senator Bacon thought he had the right to the space in the main building on account of his longer service. Senator Tillman couldn't see it that way. The result has been that each retains his little room under the roof and at the same time gets another room in the new building, handsomely appointed and of ample proportions.

All the changes now going on are under the direction of David Lynn, chief assistant to the architect, and some in the Capitol building and grounds. Wherever changes are made the rooms are thoroughly overhauled and new mahogany furniture installed to correspond with the handsome furnishings of the new building.

The work is going on while the Senate is in session. A force of men is employed night and day so as to get through as soon as possible.

DOGS TRAVEL IN STATE.

Train Specially Appointed to Convey Valuable Canines to Show.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

LONDON, March 24, 1909.

The experiment of running a special train from London to Manchester to accommodate dogs bound for the Manchester dog show was made a few days ago and proved a success.

Every provision was made for the comfort of the pampered and valuable animals. They were put in steam-heated vans, the largest of the animals having vans quite alone, and each traveling dog had a mattress of straw and a pannikin of water.

At luncheon the menu consisted chiefly of dog biscuits, but some of the dogs had bones scraps and some had bits of filtered water. The journey from London lasted five hours, but none of the animals seemed to suffer from the excitement of traveling.

Most of the dogs went from London, but some were picked up at the larger way stations between the two cities. A kennel company, as it was termed by the railway officials, also provided accommodation for the owners who could not walk through the cars during the course of the journey and see if their pets were in good condition.

HONOR TO TWO POETS

Formal Opening of the Keats-Shelley Memorial House.

WHERE THE FORMER DIED

King Victor Emmanuel Manifests Great Appreciation.

CLOSELY INSPECTS EACH ROOM

Expresses Warm Praise for the Initiative of Americans Largely Responsible for Undertaking.

ROME, April 3.—The Keats-Shelley memorial house, which is situated in the Piazza Dia Spagui in this city, the house in which Keats died, was inaugurated today and opened to the public. King Victor Emmanuel, the American ambassador, Lloyd C. Griscom, and the British ambassador, Sir J. Rennell Rodd, were among those who officiated at the ceremonies. The purchase of the house was effected two years ago by a committee composed largely of Americans, with which the late Edmund Clarence Stedman and Robert U. Johnson were associated.

The king showed great appreciation of the efforts of the committee which was instrumental in providing the memorial to the great poets, and inspected each room minutely. He expressed warm praise for the initiative of the Americans, who furnished one of the rooms, and his thanks to the others who had contributed toward the project.

Some of Those Present.

Among others present were Arthur Severn, son of Keats' friend, Joseph Severn, the noted English portrait painter, who was devoted to the poet; the Rev. E. S. Dail, a relative of Shelley; Mrs. Edward A. Macdowell, widow of the American composer, whose music was inspired by Keats; Mrs. Stone Benedict of Cooperstown, a descendant of J. Paul the poet who inspired Keats; and John W. Garrett, secretary of the American embassy.

British ambassador welcomed the king and thanked him for his presence. He traced briefly the history of the movement and pointed out that American generosity in the closing address, spoke of consumption. All the English-speaking poets of the nineteenth century, he said, were inspired by Italy.

Interest Felt by Americans.

Nelson Gay of Boston, secretary-treasurer of the executive committee, told of the great interest in America in Keats and Shelley, who inspired Lowell and Macdowell. He praised Robert U. Johnson of New York, who he said, was the soul of the movement in America.

Former Minister Martini expressed thanks on behalf of Italy, and Arthur Severn, in the closing address, spoke of his father's friendship for Keats.

The family of George Keats, the brother of the poet, who lived in Louisville, Ky., have united in presenting the Severn miniature of George Keats to the memorial house. Moses Ezekiel, the sculptor, formerly of Virginia, presented busts of Keats and Shelley and a first edition of "The Revolt of Islam." The house now contains original portraits of Keats, his two brothers and his sister, as well as photographs of original manuscripts and rare editions.

VOGUE OF CHEAP NOVEL.

Rider Haggard Delivers Address Before Society of Authors.

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Rider Haggard at the annual meeting of the Incorporated Society of Authors recently talked on a subject which is interesting literary men in England greatly, namely, the vogue of the twelve and fourteen cent novel.

Mr. Haggard said that unless these cheap editions of books could be stopped the six-shilling novel would be practically killed. No one could earn a living by books published at 14 cents. If when a six-shilling novel was published it was known that shortly after a fourteen-cent edition would follow the more expensive book would not be bought.

There was much discussion on the subject by all the authors present, among whom were Anthony Hope, Conan Doyle, Edgar Jepson, Edwin Pugh and H. G. Wells. The chairman of the meeting, Douglas Freshfield, stated that a committee had been appointed to consider the matter and was of opinion that in order to protect the six-shilling novel it was essential that a time limit on which both publishers and public could be held to be made, which it would be impossible to get a cheap edition of a six-shilling book.

The necessary provisions for the United States in order to secure a copyright there, said Mr. Freshfield, inflicted a great hardship on English printers, and should be removed. He urged that the United States to assimilate her law to that of other civilized nations retaliation might be fully justified.

DISTRESS IN ENGLAND.

Nineteen Thousand Persons Without Employment in Manchester Alone.

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A good idea of the amount of distress existing in this country from unemployment is given by the Manchester unemployment census published yesterday. Nearly 10,000 men and women in Manchester are out of regular employment, of whom less than one-fourth are earning anything at all by casual or partial employment.

Taking into account dependents, the total number of persons affected is estimated at 50,000. In other words, one person out of every twelve in Manchester is suffering from the pinch of poverty due to loss of work.

The figures came out just after the distress committee had passed a resolution to close the relief works, which resolution was accordingly rescinded, and an application is to be made to John Burns for a further grant to carry on the relief works after March 31, the end of the financial year.

CONDEMNS THE BED.

Medical Authority Suggests the Hammock as a Substitute.

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Why go to bed? Why be a slave to senseless convention? If you want to sleep well and wisely do not go to bed. This is the latest dictum.

The bed has been condemned by medical authority. It is the very cradle of insomnia, an unhygienic invention, and, as a result, has already rendered us, it is the unsafe place in the world, since more people die there than anywhere else.

The hammock is suggested as a substitute. Bed chambers are, or should be, warm chambers and when people are weary or sleepy the surest way to get a perfect rest is to fling themselves into a hammock, or, if that doesn't suit, to lie down upon a couch which is not as elaborately made up as a bed.

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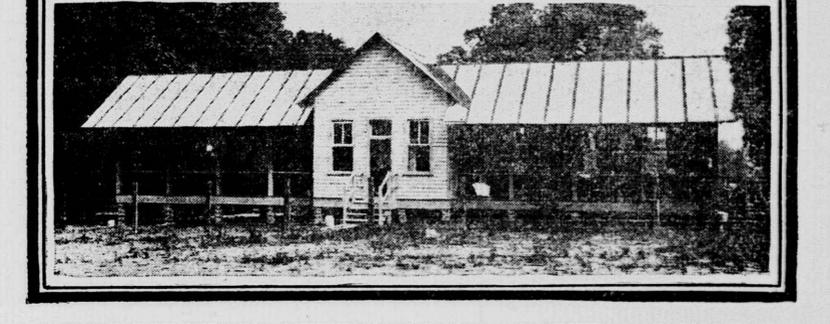
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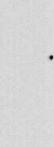
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