A Curious Case of Child-abduction.

The St. Louis *Republican* of the 9th says: J. R. Umstead, a Philadelphia detective, arrived here yesterday to take charge of Mamie Masterson, the little girl who was stolen from her parents and brought to this city by a professional beggar woman named Fannie Brown.

The case has no inner history, and is very simple. Fannie Brown was an old Philadelphia vagrant, who figured frequently in the police courts there, and was nearly always on the street. She became so well known, however, that it was a matter of difficulty to secure a living by the means to which she preferred to resort, and so she determined to emigrate. She was keen enough to know that she could best reach the sympathies of the people, by having with her a bright little child, and hence before leaving that city she took a look around town for something which would serve her purpose. Visiting a schoolhouse, as a place best calculated to furnish what she wanted, she met little Mamie Masterson, a pretty, bright-eyed, intelligent child, aged 6 years, who was on her way to her home at No. 116 Walnut Street. The old hag took the child by the hand, and partly by force and partly by false pretenses, got her to a railway station, and they came West. This happened on April 11. Mamie's father is a liquor dealer in quite humble circumstances, and his loss did not create as much of a sensation as it might if he occupied a position of affluence. Nevertheless, the Charlie Ross mystery had lent an unusual interest to all cases of child-stealing for Philadelphia, and there was a deal of indignation.

The police, chagrined at their total failure in tracing Charley Ross, entered upon this case with a determination to hunt down the guilty parties if it lay within the possibilities. It was soon found that the old vagrant had disappeared, and it was not long before her disappearance was connected with that of the child. Officers visited several places in New Jersey where relatives of hers reside, but could get no trace of her. Circulars describing the child were printed, but the statement made by a Philadelphia paper that some of them were sent to St. Louis is incorrect, as none ever reached here. Detective Umstead explains that the department had no idea the woman would come this far West, and hence sent no circulars beyond Chicago. Had the circulars arrived here the capture would have been made nearly three weeks ago, for Detective Huthsing met the woman and child in one of our stores about that time and flatly told the woman that the child was not her own, but had no ground on which to take her in.

The child has been begging from door to door here, under direction of the old woman, for several weeks. On Tuesday last Officer Dunn saw the child making her rounds, and saw the woman standing at a distance watching her. The contrast between the brutalized woman and the handsome little girl struck him, and he accosted the little one. A talk with the woman then convinced him that there was something wrong in the case, for the latter first said the child belonged to her sister and then to her sister-in-law. When the woman saw she was in trouble she commenced in a brutal manner to beat the little girl for talking to the officer, and it was evident that cruelty was the rule with her. The child was taken to the Four Courts, where she gave the name of Mamie Masterson, said that she lived in the city where the big Centennial show was, that she had gone to a school near Shippen Market, and that the woman met her on the street and took her away. This was a revelation, and the telegraph soon proved the truth of the little one's statements. The joy of the father who had given his little one up for lost need not be described here. There was no mother, however, whom the news might gladden, for Mamie's mother died when the little girl was only nine months old.

Detective Umstead starts for Philadelphia with the little girl and the prisoner this evening.

The Columbia River Salmon Fisheries.

The greatest salmon fisheries in the United States are those on the Columbia River in Oregon. The business of catching and canning and exporting them, near the mouth of that river, is immense. On a recent day, a single haul of a net at the mouth of the Columbia brought in 110 large, fine salmon, which were sold to the canneries for 50 cents apiece, or probably less than two cents a pound. At a narrow point in the Columbia, two or three miles above its mouth, we have seen the salmon so thick in the river that there were more salmon to be seen than water. They were struggling and fighting their way up the stream, eagerly attempting to leap falls from 12 to 15 feet high. A few succeeded, the most fell back and repeated their effort. Meanwhile the Indians, with sharpened sticks the length of bean-poles, stood upon the bank and successfully speared the fish. The rocks along the banks were thick and the air foul with the rotting entrails and the dying bodies. It was the fish harvest season for the Indians, who were laying in their winter supply; but it was a science full of life and picturesqueness—which has made it much harder than it was before to pay 60 cents a pound for fresh salmon in the Springfield market.—*Springfield Republican.*

Cure for Sprain.—Take 1 tablespoonful of honey, the same of salt, and the white of 1 egg; beat all well together for at least 1 hour—or 2 would be better. Let it stand an hour. Then anoint the sprained place freely; keep well rolled up with a good bandage.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

To Boil Potatoes.—Let the potatoes be of a size; do not put them in the pot until the water boils; when done, pour off the water and remove the cover until all the steam is gone; then scatter in half a teaspoonful of salt and cover the pot with a towel. By adopting this plan, watery potatoes will be mealy.

Sassafras Beer.—Pour 2 quarts of boiling water upon 2 large spoonfuls of cream-tartar, and add 10 drops of oil of sassafras, 10 drops of oil of spruce, 10 drops of oil of wintergreen; then add 8 quarts of cold water and a pint of good yeast, and sweeten to taste. Let it stand 24 hours, and then bottle it. This makes a delicious summer beverage.

Skeleton Leaves.—They should not be picked when young and tender; June and July are generally the best months to gather them for the purpose; the edges of the leaves should be perfect, also the ribs and veins, which can be ascertained by holding them up to the light. Some of the yellow autumnal leaves, and dark tinted also, with the seed vessels of different plants, can be used with good effect on the grouping.

Ginger Beer.—Take 9 gallons of water, 10 pounds of brown or white sugar, 11 ounces of bruised ginger root, 9 ounces of lemon juice, ½ pound of honey, and 3 pints of yeast; boil the ginger ½ hour in a gallon of the water, then add the rest of the water and the other ingredients and set it aside; when cold, strain it and add the white of 1 egg, beaten, and ½ ounce of essence of lemon; let it stand 4 days, then bottle, and it will keep many months.

Canned Strawberries.—Fill glass jars with fresh whole strawberries, sprinkled with sugar in the proportion of ½ pound of sugar to 1 pound of berries; lay the covers on lightly; stand them in a wash-boiler filled with water to within an inch of the tops of the cans (the water must not be more than milk-warm when the cans are placed in it). When it has boiled for 15 minutes, draw to the back of the stove; let the steam pass off, roll the hand in a towel, lift out the cans, and place on a table. If the berries are well covered with their own juice, take a tablespoon and fill up the first can to the very top of the rim from the second; wipe the neck, rub dry, and screw the top down firmly; observe carefully the general directions for canning berries. Fill another from the second can, and so on until all are finished.

Cream Cheese.—To every quart of new milk, add 1 gill of cream, make it slightly warm, put in a very little rennet, just enough to turn it; when the curd comes, lay a cloth on a mold, which may be the bottom of the seive, but should be the size desired for the cheese, then take out the curd with a skimmer, fill up the mold, turn the cloth over it, and leave it to drain; as the curd settles keep filling in more, gently pressing down, till all the whey is out; turn it into a dry cloth, and press it down with a moderate weight, not exceeding two pounds; at night turn it into a clean cloth; next morning sprinkle on a little fine salt, when dry enough lay it on a bed of strawberry or ash leaves, cover over with the same, turn it over twice a day, change the leaves occasionally, and in a fortnight it will be ready for eating.

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