

WHEN POISONING WAS ART

None Gained Greater Proficiency Than Marchioness of Brinvilliers in Seventeenth Century.

The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries developed a large number of persons who brought the crime of poisoning to an art. None attained greater perfection in this than the marchioness of Brinvilliers. She was the daughter of Dreux D'Aubray, a high official in the reign of Louis XIV. In 1651 she was married to the marquis of Brinvilliers, heir to an enormous fortune. She herself brought a considerable dowry.

She was a woman of prepossessing appearance and great charm. She lived happily with her husband until one Steur Godin, commonly known as St. Croix, was introduced into the family. The marquis took a great liking to him, and St. Croix made his home with the aristocratic couple. The marchioness soon fell in love with the adventurer. De Brinvilliers had St. Croix imprisoned in the Bastille. Here the latter met an Italian who was an adept in poisons, and he taught St. Croix his arts. When the latter was released, after a year's confinement, he resumed his acquaintance with the marchioness, but more cautiously. The Italian came out of prison and entered the services of the pair. They at once entered into schemes to poison the woman's father, her two brothers and her sister, so as to get possession of the family fortune. They succeeded in all cases except that of the sister. Yet they escaped suspicion and would have gone free had it not been for an accident. While mixing poisons the mask worn by St. Croix fell from his face and he was suffocated by the poisons he was preparing for others. Then the whole dark tale was unfolded and all were condemned to death.

HOME OF EMPRESS JOSEPHINE

Fort de France on Island of Martinique Interesting as Birthplace of Napoleon's First Wife.

The little town of Fort de France on the island of Martinique in the French West Indies is of the greatest interest to travelers, because it was the early home of Empress Josephine, the first wife of Napoleon. She was the daughter of a French army officer who lived on a large estate about five miles from the town. Here Josephine was born in 1763 and here she lived until she was married to her first husband, Beauharnais, when she was sixteen years old.

The future empress seems to have had much education and to have lived the simple life on a West Indian plantation. The site of her birthplace is still known and it is delightfully situated in a grove of trees near the banks of a small river. A certain pool in this stream is still known as the bath of the empress, and here the creole beauty, according to local tradition, always took her morning plunge.

After her separation from Beauharnais Josephine returned to Martinique and to the quiet life of the little island. Passages from her diary at that time show that she was very fond of her rambles in the woods and of the quaint, easy social life of the place. She passed three years there with her little daughter before returning to France to become the wife of a world conqueror and one of the most famous beauties of Europe.

A statue of the empress has been erected in the square at Fort de France. It conveys a charming impression of the woman who for a time ruled the man of destiny and of whom he said that she was a mistress of the art of pleasing.

Finda Volcano Is Hottest at Top.

Notwithstanding what the old textbooks say, it now appears that a volcano is hottest on its surface. This is the conclusion drawn by a scientist who has made extensive investigations in craters in Hawaii and has obtained samples of gases and lava before they reached the air. Laboratory studies of these samples make it appear that much of the heat required to keep an open lava basin in fluid condition is supplied by the chemical action of the gases. From these investigations the scientist concludes that in times of great activity the temperature at the surface of a volcano undoubtedly is higher than that below the surface.

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Read the Classified Columns.

Henry Helped

"My husband is the greatest help around the house!" declared the bride, proudly and a bit loftily. "Just think! The other day when the table bell was out of order he fixed it himself, and we didn't have to call in an electrician and pay him a hundred dollars an hour!"

"You poor child!" cried the matron who had been married for some time. "What a horrible life stretches out before you! And you are so young, too!"

"Well, I declare!" sniffed the bride. "Yes, and you'll do worse than that!" placidly pronounced the lady who had been married long. "You will be hurrying your hands heavenward and demanding to be told why such a fate has been wished upon you! However, it's a failure not uncommon to bridegrooms, this desire to be helpful about the home, and perhaps he'll outgrow it. It may be your blessed good fortune to have him develop into one of those men who wouldn't drive a tack to save the house from instant collapse, and who wouldn't notice if you kept the washbowl on top of the piano and served dinner on oil-cloth!"

"I think you are crazy!" said the bride.

"That's the fate of all truth tellers," commented the other. "Why, don't you know that you actually lose money by having a man useful about the house? I suppose that when your Arthur fixed that table bell you are chortling about he spent two hours and a half on the job, and you had to roll up the dining-room rug, move all the furniture, incidentally smashing the crystal bowl on the sideboard which jiggled off, and you had to walk four miles and a quarter bringing him the hammer, the sewing machine screw-driver, some nails, a file, the picture wire and a coal shovel!"

"No, indeed; Arthur didn't ask for a coal shovel at all!" interrupted the bride, with very pink cheeks. "I don't see how you knew he wanted the other things, tho!"

"They always want all those things!" said the long married lady. "It does not in the least matter whether a husband is repairing little Johnnie's toy engine, putting a new roller on the icebox or fixing a door lock—he always has to have those things and the stepladder besides. He never by any chance uses the stepladder, but he likes to have it handy to look at. It seems to lend him moral support, too. When he gets to the point in his repair work where he has got to vent his helpless rage at inanimate things either by swearing or by making people step around lively, he always yells for somebody to bring him the stepladder!"

"He feels busier and more effective, too, if he can spill a pint of tacks and a pound of nails all over the floor, and a box of those horrible two pronged brads makes him delirious with delight. I remember that I used to extract brads from Jimmie in his creeping days for weeks and weeks after the father had been a help around the house and repaired everything. Jimmy got so he thought they grew on him naturally, and he objected in surprise at their removal."

"Besides, when a man repairs anything it upsets the household machinery for so long and makes things so inconvenient! I remember just as well the time we found the drain from the laundry tubs frozen and the washer-woman due next day. I was going downstairs to fix it when Henry leaped to his feet and told me to be seated. He said that he'd have that pip chawed out in a jiffy by using his gasoline blow torch he loves to play with."

"The cook and I found the blow torch hidden beneath all the porch furniture in the storeroom and then there was no gasoline, so Jimmie had to run five blocks and bring some. When Henry filled the blow torch some fluid must have run or leaked out, because when he brought the match near the thing burst into a Vesuvius of flame and scorched off all his eyebrows and the cook's back hair and I ruined a blanket extinguishing them."

"Henry emerged from the conflagration and he said he was going to make that blamed torch work or die, so he took it out on the back steps and caught a cold that lasted six weeks. He finally made the instrument behave and then he began thawing the pipe. When the time arrived that called him to his office he had set fire to the wood casing twice and melted one pipe completely, and I believe the plumber's bill was sixteen

dollars, and we lost our laurels in the bargain, because she disliked having her day's work interfered with in the least. The laundry was a chaos of plumbers' tools and pipes and wires and things for a week and completely unworkable."

"The next time in my career when the laundry tubs froze I knew better than to wait in Henry's direction—I poured some hot water and salt down the pipes and adjusted the difficulty."

"I could tell you many more affecting tales, but this ought to be enough if you have a grain of human intelligence in your makeup!"

"My goodness!" gasped the bride. "It is! Oh, do you suppose I still have a chance to encourage my husband to be helpless about home?"

PLAYED THE SECOND VIOLIN

Lesson Drawn From Incident in Life of Student Which Showed Disregard of Personal Ambition.

In a recent issue of the Record of Christian Work there is a brief memorial of a splendid young life that carries so great a message that it may well be sent on to other lives, old and young alike, says the Youth's Companion.

He was a student at Mount Herman, strong, gifted and popular. His death—he was drowned while skating—was a shock and a grief to the whole school. On the day when his funeral was held in his own home, a memorial service was also held at the school. He had been prominent in athletics, but the student who spoke of that part of his life had a bigger thing to tell than the record of his prowess: he spoke of his unflinching Christian courtesy.

"He was never heard," he said, "to kick against the umpire's decision."

Another told of his willingness, courtesy and pluck in doing the humblest duties—a combination of qualities worthy of consideration. Many persons do humble tasks, but how many bring to such tasks all the courtesy, the study, the enthusiasm, that they would bring to larger duties? It was that same spirit of enthusiastic service and utter disregard of personal ambition that shone in the incident that made the deepest impression of all. It was told by the leader of the school orchestra, one of the teachers in the music department. The student whose memory they were honoring was a good musician, one of the first violins in the orchestra. Not long before his death he had suggested that the work of the orchestra would be greatly improved by an increase in the number of second violins. As everyone knows, the second violins merely furnish a background for the first violins—there is very little opportunity there for star work. Yet this boy, planning for the thing that should mean the greatest efficiency for the orchestra and the greatest service to the school, made his suggestion to the leader, and at the same time proposed that he himself should play second violin instead of first.

The brief, young life, so soon ended here, had learned the secret of great living. He could leave no greater heritage to his school, or to young lives everywhere; not self, but service, and a service that demanded, even in its humblest tasks, all the best of body, mind and soul that he had to give.

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FARM BY-PRODUCTS OF VALUE

Missouri Agriculturist Sells Contents of One Automobile and One Wagon for \$1,380.

We learn from the Cape Girardeau Republican that a farmer of Millersville, that county, drove into Jackson, the county seat, the other day carrying in one automobile and one wagon by-products of the farm which sold for \$1,380 cash, says the St. Louis Republic. The by-products consisted of wool, feathers, poultry products and garden truck.

Time was when the average farmer would not have fooled with any of these products except wool, considering them good only for use by the women folk in trade at a village store—as, indeed, they were.

But the world is calling for the products and by-products of the American farm as never before. The farmer who neglects the call and allows things to go to waste for which there is an active cash demand is the one who will still have a mortgage on his place instead of a tractor and an automobile.

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Kistler & Oesch, Attys. for Petr. 33-6

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Maurice J. Crum, North Jackson, O., has been appointed and qualified Administrator of the estate of Monroe Crum, late of Jackson Township, Mahoning County, Ohio deceased, by the Probate Court of said county. All persons interested will govern themselves accordingly.

JOHN W. DAVIS, Probate Judge of Mahoning County, Ohio Nov. 25, 1917.

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E. N. Brown, Pitt's Atty. 33-5

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