

NEW YORK DETECTIVES

KNOW WHO SENT THE POISON BY MAIL

THE LITTLE SILVER TRINKET

Furnished All the Clue That Was Needed to Bring the Criminal to Justice

Associated Press Special Wire NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The world says: Captain George McCluskey, chief of the detective bureau, firmly believes that he has solved the mystery surrounding the attempt to kill Harry Cornish, physical instructor of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, by sending him poison through the mails.

At 9 o'clock last night Captain McCluskey stated that he would have the culprit in custody within twelve hours. The name of the suspected murderer is withheld from publication, lest its announcement should defeat the ends of justice.

The man under surveillance was formerly a member of the Knickerbocker Athletic club. He was at one time a man of high social and financial standing in this city, but in late years, through evil habits and evil associations, his descent was rapid.

From being unpopular in the Athletic club, he later developed into a person with whom the members of the club thought they could not associate. Things finally reached such a pass that a special meeting of the club was called to act upon his case and he was ignominiously expelled.

It is well known that he, from the first, associated Mr. Cornish with the revelation of facts which led to his action.

All who knew the person in question find but one word with which to characterize him. He is spoken of by them as one of the worst types of hopeless and malicious degenerates.

It is said that he took the action of the club in expelling him with bitter resentment. It is also said that he had concentrated this feeling upon certain members of the club in particular, and conspicuous among them was Mr. Cornish.

With these general facts to guide them the police set out to find evidence that would connect this person with the deadly parcel which was delivered to Mr. Cornish by the postman at the Knickerbocker Athletic club on Saturday. The first definite clue was the tracing of the little silver toothpick holder which came with the parcel of poison from the manufacturer to a retail dealer. This dealer the police visited and from him obtained a minute and detailed description of the man who purchased the silver article in question. This description tallied with almost photographic exactness with the appearance, clothing and general mannerisms of the man under suspicion by Captain McCluskey and his detectives. The chain of evidence is now said to be almost complete and the arrest may be made at any moment.

RUSSIA'S REASONS

For Opposing the Construction of the Canal

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The Novorossiysk, which has an arm only warmly advocating the Panama route, but filled with bitter dislike of the United States.

The writer says the predominance of the United States would have been desirable for Russia a few years ago, but all this has changed in the last war.

The writer says that, having despoiled poor Spain the United States has become a colonial party and an Asiatic power.

"Forgetting the Monroe Doctrine of America for Americans which implies the other doctrine that American dominion must be confined to America, the United States are now entering into open competition with us in China and Korea. They have no scruples over an alliance with their traditional enemy, England, and with Japan for this purpose.

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The Local Press Councils Dignified Action, but It Would Be Cheaper to Apologize

COLON, Colombia, Dec. 30.—The local press, referring to the report that the Italian second-class cruiser Fieramosca, under command of Admiral Ammiraglio de Brocchetti, had been ordered to Colombian waters to demand satisfaction for alleged recent insults to the Italian navy, says that Colombia "should act with dignity, prudence and forbearance, so as to attract the attention of the nations of the world to the repeated display of might versus right."

The "insult" of which the Italian government is said to complain grew indirectly out of the Cerruti affair. Last summer when the Italian squadron went to Colombian waters to enforce President Cleveland's award it made a diversion into Venezuelan waters, and the Venezuelan government conferred certain honors and decorations upon the officers of the squadron. Several Colombian deputies on whom Venezuela had bestowed the same decorations returned them to Venezuela with the statement that they considered it a disgrace to accept decorations which had been bestowed upon the Italian government called upon the Colombian government to disavow the act of the deputies, but the Colombian executive declined. It was announced a few nights ago from Rome that the Fieramosca would be sent to demand an explanation.

UNLUCKY DAYS

Ancients Had a Long List of Days to Be Feared

In ancient times the heathen were so superstitious with regard to certain days that they were pointed out in their calendars with different colored characters to mark the lucky ones and the unlucky, and the Yosemites give details of their daily life with reference to these marks.

We of the present day claim to be free from all this, but many there are in this superstitious nineteenth century who will not begin a journey nor a piece of work on Friday, nor cut the hair in the last quarter of the moon, and who are very much frightened if the stars show a Luna chance to fall upon the face while they are asleep.

Friday is ever under a ban; even with regard to the weather, there is an old saying which declares that "Friday's moon, Come when it will, comes too soon."

In countries where capital punishment is in vogue Friday has nearly always been "hangingman's day."

In the "Book of Knowledge" there is the following account of the perilous days of the month:

"In the change of every moon be two days in which whosoever begins to do any work, never, it shall come to no good end, and the days be full perils for many things. In January when the moon is three or four days old; in February, 5th or 7th; in March, 6th or 7th; in April, 5th or 8th; May, 8th or 9th; June, 5th or 15th; July, 3rd or 13th; August, 8th or 13th; September, 8th or 13th; October, 5th or 12th; November, 5th or 9th; December 3d to 13th."

There are many superstitions connected with New Year's day; one that is still firmly believed by many of the devout is that of opening the Bible at random and putting the finger on any chapter contained in the two volumes. It is believed that the luck or unluck of the coming year will be greater or less degree foreshadowed by some of the lines.

Again, others believe that it is very unlucky to take anything out of the house on New Year's morning before taking something in; the old rhyme which expresses this belief runs as follows:

Bad luck will follow; Take in, then take out; Good luck comes about. Certain days of birth have generally some particular attribute given them which tell us that the child:

Born on Monday is fair of face; Born on Tuesday, full of God's grace; Born on Wednesday, sour and sad; Born on Thursday, merry and glad; Born on Friday, worthily given; Born on Saturday, work hard for your living; Born on Sunday, you will never know want.

The quaint Scotch version varies somewhat from this, yet they undoubtedly had the same origin:

Friday's bairn is fair of face, Tuesday's bairn is full of grace, Wednesday's bairn's a child of woe, Thursday's bairn has far to go, Friday's bairn is loving and giving, Saturday's bairn works hard for a living, But a bairn that is born on the Sabbath day Is lively and bonny and wise and gay.

"The fatal thirties" has come to be a familiar expression among musical historians, so many composers died between their thirtieth and fortieth years. Pergolesi was the youngest of martyrs among the masters, dying at 26 years of age. Schubert was not much older, however, at the time of his death, which occurred at 31. Mozart was 35 years of age when he died; Mendelssohn lived to be 38 only; Purcell, the greatest genius that England ever produced in the art