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CLEVER THEFTS OF DIAMONDS.

Some Ways that Have Puzzled the Detectives.

A former State street jeweller who is now a member of a jeweller's protective association and travels over the entire world in search of diamond ad gem thieves, was in Chicago several days ago and during his conversation told some of the interesting methods used by the expert thief to steal jewelry, says the Chicago Daily News.

"Of course," he said, "we all know of the fellow who travels along with the diamond salesman for a month or more ostensibly carrying another line, but in reality only awaiting a chance to make away with the salesman's trunk. This fellow works a long time for a haul and is usually a topnotcher, as diamond salesmen are naturally suspicious of any chance acquaintance. This crook, however, is a polished fellow, tells good stories, drinks good drinks, smokes good cigars and is generally agreeable and well liked.

"He does not push his presence on the salesman, but manages to run into him numberless times, and by various methods of his confederates usually has considerable important appearing mail meet him wherever he goes. Then some day the salesman packs his trunk after finishing a sale and starts it for the express office. On the way it disappears; it is either taken from the platform or picked up somewhere and the thief is gone.

"Women make good diamond thieves, too, as dealers must not take a chance of offending a customer, lest she be a rich man's wife or daughter, whose trade if obtained regularly would amount to thousands a year. Any woman well dressed and possessing a certain amount of refinement can see the entire stock of almost any dealer in the country. When she is clever enough she can get a stone or piece of jewelry during her inspection.

"One New York woman came in to a large store and asked to see some unset diamonds. The proprietor waited on her and showed her a large collection of fine stones. She displayed a monster roll of bills and was about to purchase an expensive jewel when she asked whether her husband could see it. 'Why, certainly,' replied the proprietor. 'We will send it over to him now.' The woman hesitated, and finally asked whether they would hold the stone until that afternoon and she would make a deposit of \$10 on it.

"This appeared perfectly proper to the owner, but when she left two valuable stones were missing. The woman was hailed, taken to police headquarters and searched. The gems were not found on her, and in her indignation she threatened to bring suit against the proprietor. He was sure she had taken the stones, but in his profusion of apology offered to give her the one she had been looking at and at the same time refund her \$10. This was better than a suit and the loss of all the supposed friends of the woman, thought the dealer. She accompanied him back to the store, and while there, watched by detectives, made her way up to the case where she had stood before and slipping her hand along the under edge recovered the two missing stones, stuck there in a little ball of chewing gum.

"The detectives did not know positively at that time whether she had taken anything from the counter, but decided to keep further watch over her. At another store several days later while she was inspecting gems a stone dropped on the floor 'accidentally' and this also was lost. Gum on the front of the shoe had got this one. The woman was arrested and confessed that she had swindled nearly every dealer in New York with her gum trick.

"One of the most ingenious thefts was made in Berlin, where a fellow walked into a general jewelry store knowing the owner had a fine diamond himself and went into the store apparently to have an old German watch repaired. He started to talk about diamonds and exhibited his own as a choice stone. He was shown the other stone by the dealer. They discussed diamonds in every phase until the watch was repaired, when the stranger started to pay for the repairing. He exhibited a large roll of bills and purposely overpaid. During the slight confusion of counting his money and paying for his watch he had substituted the genuine diamond for a paste stone, which was being carefully wrapped up and placed in its box by the dealer while the stranger was sauntering out with his watch.

"The dealer saw a slight carbon spot in the paste jewel just as he was closing the box, and knowing his own jewel to be flawless hurriedly examined the stone and apprehended the thief before he was a half block away, secure in the thought that he was safe.

"He was taken to the store and every particle of clothing removed and he was searched thoroughly, but the missing jewel could not be found.

USE KNIFE TO REFORM.

Surgeons Operate on Bad Boy to Make Him Good.

Surgeons, with knives and antiseptics, are trying to do what the police and board of children's guardians have not been able to accomplish—reform George Verasso, 12 years old, son of Tony Verasso, of 114 Quincy street. An operation was performed at Georgetown Hospital, which, it is believed, will change him from an incorrigible wanderer of the streets to a disciplined student at school, says the Washington Post.

After receiving an order from Judge DeLacy, in Juvenile Court, when the boy had been brought for commitment to an institution, the parents agreed to have him operated on. He was taken to the hospital yesterday to have his tonsils and adenoids removed. Both growths had become enlarged, causing him to breathe with difficulty and to experience mental disturbances from the inflammation of the lymphatic glands.

Relieved by Operation.

When the operation had been performed and the adenoids and tonsils had been removed, the patient awoke from the anesthetic much relieved. The boy will be confined in the institution for several days.

The lad's aged father and mother waited anxiously in the hallway of the hospital for news from the operating room, and when told that the operation was over they fell to their knees and gave thanks for the wonders of surgery which can make bad boys good.

The boy's father was unable to understand why his son never obeyed him and remained away from home for several days at a time. He told Judge DeLacy that the boy was incorrigible.

When the little fellow has recovered, he will be sent to school, a place he has shunned for years. The physicians predict that he will now become an apt pupil and take interest in his lessons hereafter.

Selection of Seed Corn.

If one desires to improve his seed corn for another year, the time to do it is before the present crop is gathered. When a person follows the common practice of securing his seed from the barn, large ears are invariably selected, and it cannot be told at that time whether the ears are large due to breeding, or whether they have been produced on stalks which have been favored with an undue amount of fertilizer or distance. If seed are selected which have been grown under the latter conditions, they are not apt to produce large ears another year unless given a rather heavy application of fertilizer or more distance than necessary. Therefore, the seed ears should be selected from stalks which have grown under average conditions.

To make this selection properly, it must first be decided which portion of the field represents as near as possible the average soil conditions of the farm. Then from blocky and healthy stalks which have not been favored with any undue amount of distance or richness in the soil, the seed ears should be gathered. Before breaking the ears from the stalks, one should ascertain their size as near as possible. This can be done by carefully examining them with the hand, and if they seem to be of good size and well filled out at the tip they should be pulled. If the corn should be a prolific variety, it does not matter whether the top or bottom ear is selected so long as a good one is secured.

After having selected about twice as many ears as will be necessary for seed, all of them should be stored in a place free from mice and weevils. A few days prior to planting time, all of the ears should be shucked and only the best ones should be retained for planting. It is well to bear in mind that all seed ears should be free from mixture, heavy, of good size, have deep grains, well filled butts and tips, uniform kernels, and narrow spaces between the rows of grains, as the above points are conducive to larger yields and have a tendency to be reproduced when planted. J. M. NAPIER, Assistant Professor of Agronomy.

Before disposing of your cotton seed, see me. Will buy or exchange. W. G. HUTTO, at Copeland's store.

The Kelly guaranteed axes and tools at Hunter's Hardware Store.

More through curiosity at the old time watch than anything else one of the police called in opened the back of the case and found glittering up at him from the main spring the lost jewel. The thief confessed and got a heavy sentence.

"There are just thousands of this kind of cases, but the big gem thief usually gets caught or his conscience goes back on him," said the gem sleuth. "The majority of the really big fellows that I have ever seen are as fine cut men as one would find anywhere; their personality is usually of the best, but with a bad streak in their make-up somewhere."

SUMTER WOMAN KILLED.

Mrs. W. J. Benjamin Accidentally Shoots Herself.

Sumter, Oct. 11.—One of the saddest accidents which has ever shocked this community was that which occurred to-day, when Mrs. W. J. Benjamin accidentally shot herself with a small parlor rifle, death following in a few minutes.

Mrs. Benjamin, who was before her marriage Miss Alice Blakeney, from near Clinton, was sweeping out the house at the time the accident occurred. The rifle was kept in an earthenware jar in the dining room, and this was overturned and the rifle went off. The ball entered Mrs. Benjamin's lower jaw, and the only words she said afterwards were those to the cook, who ran into the room when the rifle went off, "I swept too near the jar and have turned it over."

The cook gave the alarm and neighbors rushed in. Dr. S. C. Baker was called in, but Mrs. Benjamin was breathing her last when he arrived. The ball penetrated upward and entered the brain.

Mrs. Benjamin was formerly from Clinton, where the body will be shipped for interment. She leaves her husband and four small children, one of whom is only two months old. Mr. Benjamin was away from the house at the time and it was some minutes before he could be found.

The College Girl Stays Married.

Wellesley, Mass., Oct. 11.—If you marry a college bred woman you are very apt to stay married to her.

This has been shown by an investigation just finished by the fair and learned alumnae of Smith College at Northampton and has caused much comment here. They contend that college education—for a woman—is an enemy of divorce.

They have the figures—and women's figures never lie—to prove that only one college bred woman out of 57 who marry is divorced or divorces her husband, this among graduates of all the women's colleges.

The girl educated at Smith's College seems to be even more clinging than her sisters. Of 85 marriages reported only one Smith College girl was divorced.

The alumnae investigators find that one of every ten or twelve married women not educated at a college, is divorced.

"College bred women marry late in life," said Dean Angiel, chaplain of Wellesley to-day. They are not frivolous; they are less vain, they do not marry easily. The low divorce rate discovered is a new and significant argument for a college education for women."

Mob Lynches Negro.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 10.—Advices received to-day state that Andrew Chapman, a negro, was taken from W. T. Cowan, a bailiff, and lynched by a mob of 40 masked men Saturday night, near Irwinton, Wilkinson county, Georgia. The negro had just been bound over to the grand jury on a charge of attempted assault on a well known young white woman of Wilkinson county, who, it is stated, is prostrated as a result of the shock.

Deputy Cowan was escorting the negro to the county jail when the mob overpowered him and took the prisoner. Dragging the negro to a pine tree near Butler's bridge, the infuriated men strung him up with a rope and riddled his body with bullets. The body remained hanging to the tree until Monday afternoon, when the sheriff ordered it removed. It is stated the negro admitted his guilt, and expressed no regret for the crime.

Change and Rest.

"Hello, Bill," remarked a Market street salesman as he met a friend yesterday in a lunch cafe, "where have you been? I haven't seen you for the last three weeks."

"Well," replied the vacationist, wearily, "I'll tell you. I've been away. Went on the recommendation of my doctor. Seemed to be all run down and wrong. The doc said I was nearly all in, and been working too hard. He advised me to go the seashore for a change and a rest. I did, and here I am. The boardwalk got the change and the hotels got all the rest."

He looked tired, and his friend believed him.—Philadelphia Record.

Teaching by Example.

William Dean Howells is a stout opponent of those novelists who, under the pretext of reforming their readers, write books about vice.

"Such writers," said Mr. Howells at a luncheon at Kittery Point, Me., "remind me of a lad whose mother said to him:

"Why, Johnny, I do believe you're teaching that parrot to swear." "No, I'm not, mother," the boy replied. "I'm just telling it what it mustn't say."—Los Angeles Times.

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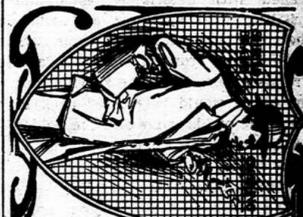
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