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CAUGHT IN A MINUTE

INCIDENT OF THE LATE CHARITY BALL THAT IS BEING KEPT QUIET.

THERE WAS A THIEF PRESENT

AND HE MANAGED TO GET HOLD OF A VALUABLE WALLET,

BUT HAD TO GIVE IT UP AGAIN.

A Little Remark Made by the Woman Accompanying Him Gave It All Away.

An incident of the Charity ball given in Masonic Temple last week, is beginning to furnish a topic for quiet talk among the few who are being trusted with the story. It seems that about the time that a certain young gentleman and lady were about to leave for home, they stepped into an ante-room at the head of the ball room where the young lady adjusted her wraps. She placed a bouquet on one of the chairs while her escort laid his overcoat down on the chair covering the flowers. After he had assisted her with her wraps, they stepped out and across the ball room, returning in a minute or less time. When the gentleman picked up his coat, the flowers were gone. He immediately put his hand to his coat pocket, in which was a wallet containing a number of valuable papers and a sum of money. It too was gone.

The gentleman happened to know the two detectives of a local agency, who were present in full dress, and hastened over to the door to notify them of what had occurred. One of them standing near the exit of the hall, recalled that just a moment before a gentleman passed out to whom his attention had been called by overhearing the lady remark:

"Button your coat or they'll be seen."

The gentleman was easily recognized again by his peculiar growth of whiskers, and when the detective rushed out and down the stairs he overtook the couple just as they were leaving the building.

One word was enough. The flowers and pocketbook were given to the detective and by him to the owners. The man and woman were allowed to depart.

Since then they have left town.

CHOSE H. P. HALL.

J. Walter Thompson Agency Selects a Northwestern Man.

The veteran newspaper man, H. P. Hall, has arranged with the advertising agency of J. Walter Thompson & Co., New York and Chicago, to represent them in the Northwest, and, as he knows every newspaper man in this section, past and present, the selection of a representative would seem to a casual observer as judicious on the part of the agency, as it will no doubt be agreeable to a man whose life has been spent in the newspaper business. The concern is one of recognized standing, one of the board of directors being Vice President-elect Garrett A. Hobart.

FORCED TO THE WALL.

Topliff & Co., Jewelers, Make an Assignment.

George R. Topliff and Frederick G. Topliff, doing business as Topliff & Co., retail jewelers, assigned yesterday to J. D. O'Brien for the benefit of their creditors. Complainants in several actions which have been pending against the Topliff firm in the district court for the past few months have charged that the firm was insolvent and incapable of meeting its obligations, and in an application made by Jacobson Brothers, of New York, for the appointment of a receiver for the firm, it was alleged that there had been an illegal transfer of a valuable stock. While this action was recently in pgroress papers of garnishment were served by Jacobson Brothers upon the German-American bank, as having funds of the Topliff firm in its possession, and the assignment to Mr. O'Brien followed.

The Seven Corners Snow Shoe club was organized last evening. Another meeting will be held Wednesday.

HANDKERCHIEF SALE!

By buying of us you positively save from 25 to 33 per cent on every dollar purchase. We are the only house in the state who do wholesale in connection with our retail business. We sell at retail for about the same prices as at wholesale, so by buying of us you save the retailers' profit.

Handkerchiefs, 1c.

Ladies' good quality Hemmed Handkerchiefs, with fast colored borders, each. 1c
Ladies' fine Sheer lawn Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, a regular 5c kind, each. 3c
Ladies' fine Hem-stitched and Embroidered Corner Handkerchiefs, each 5c
Ladies' fine pure Linen Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, each 6c
Ladies' fine Embroidered and Escolloped Edge Handkerchiefs, each 8c
Ladies' very fine pure Silk Embroidered Corner and Escolloped Edge Handkerchiefs, each 8c

Men's Handkerchiefs, 5c.

Men's fine Lawn Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, in plain, white or fancy border, each 5c
Men's fine pure Linen Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, each 10c
Men's very fine pure Silk, large size, Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, in plain, white or fancy borders, each 24c
Men's very fine pure Silk, extra large, Hand-Embroidered Initial Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, each 33c

Leather Purses, 4c.

Fine Kid Purses, each 4c
Ladies' fine Calfskin Pocket Books, each. 20c

Jackets Half-Price.

Ladies' fine all-wool Beaver Jackets, made latest style, actual value, $4; now $1.75
Ladies' finest Cloth Jackets and Capes, made of best Kersey, Beaver, Covert Cloth, etc.; $6 Jackets now $3; $7.50 Jackets now $3.75; $10 Jackets now.... $5.00
Misses' heavy cloth Jackets, latest style, all sizes, worth $2.75; now $1.35

Belding's Sewing Silk, 2c.

Belding's best Sewing Silk, per spool.... 2c
Belding's best Button-hole Twist, per spool 1c
Belding's best Wash and filo Silks, per skein 2½c

Men's Neckties and Mufflers.

Men's fine Silk Neckties, Tecks, each.... 12c
Men's fine Cashmere Mufflers, largest size, each 20c
Men's very fine pure Silk Mufflers, largest size, each 38c

Underwear, Socks, Gloves and Mittens at Great Reductions.

H. STEIN & CO., 133-135 E. 7th.

NO BUSHEL BASKET

WOULD BEGIN TO HOLD MISS ANNA EVA FAY'S CORRESPONDENCE

SINCE HER ARRIVAL HERE.

THOUSANDS OF LETTERS HAVE POURED IN UPON HER AT THE RYAN.

HOST OF STRANGE INQUIRIES

Are Made of the Shrewd Woman Who Is St. Paul's Nine Days' Wonder.

If Anna Eva Fay were disposed to make public all she has come to know about St. Paul during her short stay here, "society would be stirred to its very depths." The "400" would suffer a terrible shock, and a few of them might move out of the city. But Miss Fay isn't disposed to create any such demonstration. That she possesses all

the information necessary, were she so inclined, you would at once realize if you visited her apartments at the Ryan hotel and saw the stacks of letters from all sorts of people with which her rooms are literally deluged. The bare thought of having to open and read them is appalling, not to mention the task of answering even 25 per cent of them. But Miss Fay and her assistant open and read all of them, and such writers as comply with the condition requiring them to enclose an addressed envelope bearing a two-cent stamp receive answers to their questions.

And these questions—their name is legion. While it is true that the majority of them are inquiries as to the whereabouts of lost relatives, money and other property, yet many of them possess a far greater and deeper motive. Some are tragic in their import, others "quaint and curious," and still others highly amusing and eccentric.

When the Globe representative called upon Miss Fay at the Ryan early last evening she had just returned from the ladies' matinee at Conover hall. The first impression you receive upon entering Miss Fay's apartments is that she is the recipient of a large mail. The floor, tables, chairs and other articles of furniture are literally buried beneath an avalanche of letters. With letters around, about and beneath the little woman, she is fairly overwhelmed with them. Thousands of them still unopened were strewn about, but none are ever lost. The sealed envelopes containing the questions that the writers prefer not to ask in public vary in shape, size and color from the dainty and stylish stationery of a St. Anthony hill society star, who writes such a fashionable hand, to the commonest kind of an envelope bearing the most illiterate scrawl.

"Just look at those letters," exclaimed Miss Fay, pointing at a single heap on the floor, that could not have contained less than 500. "What do you think is in them? Why, everything from murder and suicide to the idlest and most trivial thing you can imagine. I haven't opened any of them yet, but I know I should find some very serious ones and also some very laughable ones among them. Just to show you, I'll pick out a few at random and read them to you. As you can see, they nearly all bear the St. Paul postmark, and I can assure you from my experience that the public would be vastly surprised if I should divulge names of some of the writers. Among them you will find several prominent personages, not only in society, but in the business world as well."

While speaking, Miss Fay opened the first letter her hand touched. It was from a reputable business concern in this city. It read as follows:

"Dear Madame: Kindly tell us when we will settle up with the cashier of bank. How will we save anything out of it and when will our troubles end?"

The letter was signed in the name of the firm. "Such a letter means much," added Miss Fay. "Here's one evidently from a woman of some culture, judging from the hand writing. Yes, it's from a young lady on Laurel avenue, and this is what she writes:

"Can you tell me the characteristics of the young man I am keeping company with, and does he care enough for me to make me a good husband?"

"Now, I should say," continued Miss Fay, "that this is from a sensible young woman who is not so wildly in love with the young man in question, as to marry him first and take the chances on her future happiness. He has evidently given her cause to suspect the depth and sincerity of his love for her."

The next letter Miss Fay picked up was evidently from a young woman in an humbler station in life, though it was properly and plainly written, bearing no traces of illiteracy. The girl asked this direct question, fraught with a world of significance:

"I would like to know if the gentleman I am going with will marry me or not."

"Such letters arouse my deepest sympathy," said Miss Fay, carefully replacing the letter in its envelope and laying it one side. "I do not like to answer them, in cases where I know that the true answer will bring misery and despair. Where a girl asks such a question out of mere curiosity or because of an innocent love for the young man, the case is different, quite different, I think from this one."

A married woman, whose brother had lost a considerable sum of money, wrote a letter asking whether it would ever be recovered. Miss Fay read the letter and as she came to the word "lost," she exclaimed:

"Lost? He never 'lost' the money," with the emphasis on "lost."

Judging from several of the letters that followed, there is considerable marital infelicity, even in St. Paul families. Miss Fay says, however, that cases of this kind have long since lost their novelty and interest as they are as numerous elsewhere as in the Saintly city.

The first letter indicating that all was not serene between husband and wife in a home on St. Anthony hill, came from the wife, who writes:

"I want to know if a married woman ever had my wedding ring in her possession."

"Such a question suggests possibilities that I cannot discuss," was Miss Fay's comment.

"How do you answer such questions," was asked.

"I don't answer them at all," replied Miss Fay. "I make it a rule never to answer any compromising or incriminating questions. If the answer should confirm the suspicion of the doubting husband or wife, nothing but misery and grief would result. The truth in such cases dawns upon the injured one soon enough in this world."

Proceeding, Miss Fay opened another letter. It was from a young girl, but it differed widely from the tone of any of the others. Pathetic to a degree the letter was as follows:

Dear Madam: Will you please kindly tell me how I can succeed in getting a position? I have no home, no parents. I seem to be so unfortunate. I have been trying to get work for so long that I am heartsick and tired of trying to live, as I have no one to advise me. Please, dear madam, tell me what to do. Will I ever have a home? Please do answer this and I will remember you in my prayers.

"I would answer such a question as that," said Miss Fay, "even if it was not accompanied by an envelope and a stamp."

The next letter belonged to the amusing variety. A matron, who is the proud mother of five marriageable daughters, propounds this terse question:

"Will you plase tell me if my five daughters will ever marry, and who?"

Another letter from a wicked man on Iglehart street contains this dangerous inquiry:

"Will you kindly tell me if I am ever to be able to live free and happy with the woman that I love? If this can't be answered, please return letter and oblige.

"Either he or the woman he loves, or both of them must be married," remarked Miss Fay as she folded up the letter.

The last letter Miss Fay opened before going to supper came from a woman of a decidedly inquisitive turn of mind. It read:

"Am I ever going to be a mother, and how soon? Am I ever going to have my ears cured of deafness? There's a certain party that you answered a similar question for in Market hall. She owes me some money and will I ever get it?"

EIGHTH WARD FIRES.

Three of Them Were Bunched Early This Morning.

Three small fires caused a panic in the Eighth ward this morning at 2 o'clock, there being a coincidence in time that suggested incendiarism. One fire burned a barn and feed store at Western and Thomas, the other a barn and one horse at Elfelt and Blair Still a third broke out at Farrington and Edmund.

FELL TWO STORIES.

Servant at the Buckingham Suffers a Painful Accident.

Mrs. Sadie Thompson, a domestic in the employ of Mrs. H. C. Moore, who occupies Flat 26 of the Buckingham, is lying at St. Luke's hospital, suffering from serious injuries received yesterday morning. Mrs. Thompson was washing windows, standing on the ledge, when her foot slipped and she was precipitated to the ground, a distance of two stories. Dr. McLaren, who attended the injured woman, says that she sustained a fracture of the pelvis and serious internal injuries, but that she will probably live.

What Did He Say to Davis?

Archie Peters, who was arrested by Sergt. Davis Friday night in company with Minnie Smith, probably wishes he was more discrete with his language in court yesterday. Peters, who is a negro, was sentenced to thirty days for being drunk and disorderly, and when he was on his way to the bull pen, stopped before Sergt. Davis and called the officer names. Judge Twohy called Peters back and added sixty days more. Minnie Smith, his white consort, received a sentence of thirty days.

Tuttle's Demurrer Argued.

The demurrer entered by W. S. Tuttle to an indictment charging him with forgery in the first degree was argued before Judge Brill yesterday, counsel for the defense urging that the indictment did not contain a sufficiency of particulars to constitute the offense charged, and also that two offenses instead of one were charged. Judge Brill took the matter under advisement.

Swan Gets Red Wing.

Swan Johnson's name seems rather appropriate, for he was tried in the police court yesterday charged with stealing four ducks. The case was certified to the district court, meaning that Swan will be sent to the state industrial school. Charles Ostergren, a companion of Johnson, who was implicated in the case, was discharged.

For Good Citizenship.

A good citizenship meeting will be held this evening at Plymouth Church, under the auspices of the Christian league. There will be addresses by D. C. Bell, of Minneapolis, D. T. Wellington and Rev. Watson B. Millard.

A ball will be given New Year's evening at the hall, East Seventh and Reaney streets, by Dayton's Bluff Lodge No. 76. The committee consisting of Messrs. F. C. Lipke, E. C. Lipke and David Pierson, are busy preparing for it. Supper will be served.

LOCAL NOTICES.

For Christmas.

Following out a custom inaugurated some twenty-six years ago, Adam Fetsch, the well known cigar man, has announced his regular annual holiday sale of goods so dear to the heart of smokers.

From the elaborately arranged display windows, in which are shown an almost endless variety of smokes and smokers' articles, to the spacious store, the patron is convinced of the excellence of the goods. The stock of cigars from Key West and Tampa is the product of the best known manufactories, while there are countless brands of smoking tobacco; pipes, from the cheap clay article to the beautiful briar wood mounted in gold; cigar holders, lighters, cases, in fact a bewildering array of odds and ends, affording the best chance in the world for a choice of an appropriate Christmas gift. Mr. Fetsch has been in business a great many years, and has in his establishment a stock worth a cigar store on Broadway, New York. His friends and patrons know when they buy his merchandise, they get full value and up-to-date stuff. That is why his annual holiday sales are so successful.

Schroeder & Dickinson, 16 East Sixth street, just received a large consignment of reed and rattan furniture to be closed out by December 24th at about one-half price. Come early.

Hotel Metropolitan is noted for its superior cafe, table service and general accommodations. Popular prices. European or American plan. The favorite with travelers, parties, families and conventions.

Special Sale of Pianos.

For the holidays we will sell—
$250 pianos for $187.50.
$300 pianos for $225.
$350 pianos for $262.50.
$375 pianos for $281.25.
$450 pianos for $337.50.
$475 pianos for $356.50.

Also great bargains in second-hand uprights, Fischer, $125; Stone & Co., $150; Gabler, $175; Emerson, $185. $10 per month. New Shaw, Bush & Gerts, Schiller and Wesley pianos. S. W. Raudenbush & Co., No. 11 West Sixth street.

Par Excellence California Route.

Phillips' excursions, every Tuesday and Thursday, to California points via Albert Lea route. Through cars, finely upholstered, polite attendants, cheap rates. Apply 396 Robert street, corner Sixth street, for full information.

Phillips' California Excursions.

Two through cars weekly from St. Paul via the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad, "Albert Lea Route." Tuesday's car runs via Kansas City, and thence through Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Thursday's car runs via Omaha and through Colorado and Utah. For full particulars apply ticket office, 396 Robert street, corner Sixth street.

The White Manatmas

Would have foretold the cheap rates from Twin Cities, via the Soo Line, Dec. 15 to 31, for New England points.

Lowest rates yet offered for Xmas. Apply 398 Robert street, Hotel Ryan.

Homeseekers' Excursions

Tuesday, Dec. 15, via Chicago Great Western (Maple Leaf) at rate of one fare for the round trip, with $2.00 added, to nearly all points in Iowa, the Southwest and South. Good twenty-one days. Stopovers on going trip. See C. E. Robb, C. P. & T. A., Fifth and Robert streets.

Our sale yesterday was such a grand success that we have decided to continue it

Till To-morrow Night.

These Suits we have been selling the whole season at $15, and they are acknowledged to be the dressiest, best made, and warmest ever shown in St. Paul at that price; they are the Boston's incomparable tailor-made garments. We have placed 25 different styles on separate tables. They comprise the newest effects in Fancy Cheviots, Overplaids, and Worsted Cassimeres.

The uniform price $9.75 Till to-morrow night

Another Inducement.

We have a full line of splendidly made Black Kersey Overcoats, perfect in point of tailor gets $40 for and "HANG" and half that price, that we lined, such a Coat as a inducement (the sale to which we have sold for row night) now offer, as another last only until to-mor-

For $9.75

Did you ever see these great bargains equaled? We are sure not. By the way, don't forget that we have all sizes in these Suits and Overcoats, and that our tailor makes them fit perfectly before they leave the store, if they do not hang just right at first try-on.

The Boston St. Paul BOWLBY & CO. Sixth and Robert. The Boston St. Paul

THE GREAT POPULARITY

Of the "Northwestern Lines'" Tourist Car Service to California

Is due to the provisions made for the passengers' comfort. A competent conductor accompanies the car, in addition to the regular porter. J. W. Turtle and P. O. Prince have made the trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco each week for over a year, in the capacity of conductor, and can make themselves useful and insure a comfortable trip to those committed to their care. Their services will be appreciated by ladies traveling alone or with children, family parties, or the aged and infirm. If you contemplate visiting California why not interview these conductors before starting on the trip? Offices, 355 Robert st., opposite Ryan hotel, St. Paul; 13 Nicollet House Block, Minneapolis.

THROUGH CALIFORNIA SERVICE

Via "The Milwaukee."

A fine Pullman Tourist Sleeping Car now leaves Minneapolis at 8:25 and St. Paul at 8:35 every Saturday morning and runs through to Los Angeles, Cal., via Kansas City and the Santa Fe System, without change, arriving at destination 1:25 p. m. following Wednesday.

The journey via this route is through a very interesting portion of America, and the hardship incident to winter travel through the more northerly climate is avoided.

Rate per double berth $6.00 through. For berth reservations, further information as to rates, etc., apply to "THE MILWAUKEE" agents, or address J. T. Conley, Assistant General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

Extreme Joy!!!

Is expressed by every one that the Soo Line have made the lowest round-trip rates to all Canadian and New England points from the Twin Cities and East, yet made for Xmas and New Year Holidays. Call at 398 Robert street, Hotel Ryan, for full particulars.

The President's Message

Should have mentioned the cheap round-trip rates from Twin Cities for Canadian and New England points, Dec. 15 to 31, good three months. Call early at 398 Robert street, Hotel Ryan.

THE SHORTEST ROUTE

To Los Angeles and California

Is the Chicago Great Western (Maple Leaf Route). A handsome new Pullman Tourist Sleeper leaves St. Paul every Tuesday at 7:30 a. m., running through to Los Angeles via Kansas City and the Santa Fe route, without change, arriving at Los Angeles the following Saturday at noon. This is positively the shortest route to California, and the only one that avoids any Sunday traveling. The cars are as complete and comfortable as the standard Pullman, while the rates are very much lower. Full information will be furnished gladly by C. E. Robb, City Ticket Agent of the Chicago Great Western Railway, corner Fifth and Robert streets.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS

Via "The Milwaukee."

On December 1st and 15th the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will sell homeseekers' tickets to points in the South, Southeast and Southwest at half-fare for the round trip. For complete information call on "The Milwaukee" agents in St. Paul or Minneapolis, or address J. T. Conley, Assistant General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

Phillips' Upholstered Tourist Cars Are the Most Popular.

More California passengers travel in Tourist cars under Mr. Phillips' management than in any other way. The Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad has the exclusive right to operate Phillips Tourist Cars, which makes that the favorite line. They combine cheapness in ticket rates, superior finish of cars, select class of patrons, excellency of road bed, the best route and gentlemanly and experienced managers to look after the travelers.

Cars now leave St. Paul at 9:15 a. m. every Tuesday, via the Southern Route, arriving at Los Angeles Saturday afternoon: and at 7 p. m. every Thursday via the Scenic Line of the World, reaching California in four days.

To insure good accommodations, arrangements should be made as far in advance as possible. Consult J. H. Whitaker, C. T. A., Ryan Hotel Block, before concluding arrangements.

CHEAP! CHEAPER!! CHEAPEST!!!

For low rates and particulars apply at 398 Robert street, Hotel Ryan.

All New England Points.

From Dec. 15 to 31, inclusive, the Soo Line will sell round-trip tickets from Twin Cities for Canadian and New England points, good for three months.

Glad Tidings

For every one in the Northwest. The Soo Line will sell cheap round-trip tickets from Twin Cities to all Canadian, also New England points, Dec. 15 to 31. Good for three months. 398 Robert street, Hotel Ryan.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

ST. AGATHA'S CONSERVATORY Of Music and Art.

26 East Exchange St., St. Paul. Piano, violin, guitar, banjo and mandolin taught. Lessons given in drawing and painting. Call or send for prospectus.

Practical holiday goods, Shroeder & Dickinson, 16 East Sixth street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOTICE—THE TRUSTEES OF THE STATE Savings Bank, Germania Life Insurance Bldg., corner Fourth and Minnesota sts., have declared a semi-annual dividend at the rate of 4 per cent per annum for the period ending Jan. 1, 1897. Depositors entitled to interest will please present their pass-books at the bank for entry on or after Jan. 20, 1897. The new interest period begins Jan. 1, 1897. All deposits made on or before Jan. 3, 1897, will be entitled to six months' interest July 1, 1897. Trustees: Ferdinand Willius, John B. Sanborn, Kenneth Clark, C. P. Noyes, John D. Ludden, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Harris Richardson, Gustav Willius, John D. O'Brien, William Constans, W. B. Dean, Jul. M. Goldsmith.

DIED.

GENUNG—At Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 12, George W. Genung, aged sixty-five years, father of Mrs. G. F. Gifford, of St. Paul.

HAUPERS—In St. Paul, at the residence of his parents, 140 Rondo street, Dec. 9, J. B. Haupers, aged twenty-seven years and eight months. Funeral Monday, from the residence, at 8:30 a. m. Services at Assumption church at 9 o'clock. Chicago and Los Angeles papers please copy.

MULLEN—In St. Paul at family residence, 274 Kent street, Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2 p. m., William John, aged two months, only son of Charles and Mary Mullen. Funeral from above residence Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p. m.

KATZ—Dec. 12, at 1:50 p. m., at family residence, 96 South Wabasha street, Augusta, wife of Isaac Katz, aged twenty-nine years five months. Notice of funeral hereafter.

Beginning Dec. 21st,

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