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The Times' Daily Short Story.

The Effect of a Purpose

(Original.)

There are two kinds of evidence in criminal law, direct and circumstantial. I would rather take my chances of acquittal in a case where I had been seen to commit the crime than in a strong case against me of circumstantial evidence.

Hugh Bassett was convicted of murder on circumstantial evidence, but since it was proved that he had been persecuted to frenzy by the murdered man he was not hanged, he was imprisoned for life.

Bassett, torn away from his wife and children to be taken to prison for a crime of which he was innocent, had but one thought—to escape if his escape should cost him his life.

But several years passed before he saw any avenue of escape whatever and then a very desperate chance. He had been graduated at a scientific school and from there had taken a position with manufacturers of machinery.

Old Coughs

New coughs are bad enough. Old coughs are worse, much worse. They always make one think of bronchitis, consumption, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral quickly cures new coughs.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Anna Held will star in "A Paris Model," by Harry R. Smith, next season.

Helen Whitman, now playing with the John P. Harris stock company at the Olympia Park theater, McKeesport, Pa., announces that she is under contract with the Kirk La Sells estate for the coming season.

Henry B. Irving will open his American tour at the New Amsterdam theater, New York, Oct. 8 in Stephen Phillips' "Paolo and Francesca." He will be supported by Dorothy Baird and an English company.

Maurice Campbell announces that Ernest Deany, who wrote "All of a Sudden Peggy," which had such a long run at the Duke of York's theater in London last season, will come over for the first performance of the play given in America by Henrietta Crossman.

had also noticed that the driving belt of the engine passed over its upper wheel near a window high above the reach of any one. Then he had learned that from the window one could gain a roof from which he might reach the top of the wall and thence down outside. One day it occurred to him to ride on the belt to the window and escape.

"To do this he must mount the belt at a certain moment—that is, on a point that would stop at the window. He could see the lacings in the belt as it moved—greatly blurred, of course—and for days, weeks, months, counted revolutions of the belt, and at night in his cell made calculations. At last he fixed a point where he could jump on the belt which would stop at the window.

"One evening in winter when the days were short the convicts were lined up ready to march away. Suddenly Bassett sprang upon the belt and, clutching each edge with a hand was carried to the window. So startled was every one that no one took in his intention till he reached the window, the belt stopped, he sprang off and through the opening and was gone.

"Nothing was heard again of Bassett. So determined was he in his object from the moment of his imprisonment that he had arranged with his wife to go to a foreign country, change her name and lose herself to all save him. If she wrote nothing he was to know that she was at the rendezvous. She waited two and a half years for him without having heard a word from him or writing a word to him. Consequently when he escaped it was impossible to track him by his wife. One day he appeared before her and their children in a little town in Central America.

"Bassett at once found employment in the mechanical department of the great canal of course under an assumed name—and it was not long before he worked himself up to one of the principal positions in that department. Long afterward he saw in a newspaper the confession of the man who had committed the murder for which he was convicted, but he considered his former self blotted from the world and never reappeared among his friends to receive their sympathy at the great legal blunder and a pardon from the governor.

"The secret of Bassett's success was that he realized he must have a purpose and rose through his desperate condition to his object. He also preferred to die rather than remain separated from his wife and children, with the loss of his liberty. The moment of supreme happiness of his life was when, having sprung on the belt, he saw it stop in accordance with his calculations. He felt all the exhilaration.

"What? How do I know how he felt? Well, I'm Bassett."

SEYMOUR CHILDS.

LION INVADES SLEEPING CAR

Grabs a Man and Jumps Out of the Window With Body in His Mouth.

Railroad building in Africa is fraught with the most remarkable dangers. At Kiu several coolies had been carried off by an old lion, and one night Ryall, an English engineer, who had seen much service in India, decided to sit up in a railway carriage on the chance of getting a shot. With him were Mr. Huebner, the German consul, and an Italian, Parenti. The night was dark, with but little moon, and after midnight Ryall commented upon the brightness of the fireflies near the carriage and also remarked that he had seen a rat repeatedly cross and recross a spot where the steel rail glistened in the moonlight.

But the supposed fireflies were the luminous eyes of the lion they waited



THE GREAT BEAST JUMPED THROUGH THE WINDOW.

for, and the rat was the slow movement of his tail. If Ryall had recognized this his life would have been saved. Tired of their vigil toward the morning, the three watchers went to sleep. Huebner on the upper berth, the two others below. The carriage was the ordinary sleeping carriage familiar to Indian travelers, with a lavatory beyond the couches. An hour had passed, the party was asleep, when the lion jumped into the carriage and seized Ryall, while in a moment Parenti had slipped into the lavatory and closed the door.

The movements of the lion, or, more probably, his weight thrown on one side, caused the door by which he had entered the car to close. Thus Huebner's experience was most terrible. The rifles were below, and on the upper berth he remained while the lion killed Mr. Ryall within three feet of him. After a few awful minutes the great beast jumped out through the window with Ryall's body in its mouth.

CLOTHES STOLEN, GIRLS HID IN WOODS

Lived Three Weeks as Forest Nymphs After Michap White Bathing in Pond.

Robbed of nearly all of their clothing when bathing in a woodland pond near their father's home in Lancaster, Pa., Gertrude and Susan Newcomer, thirteen and seventeen years old respectively, were assumed to go home, so they concluded to live in the forest.

The weather had been warm and food was easily obtained from the paternal cellars at night, and before long the girls decided the original savage state was the real thing. This kept up for three weeks, or until early one morning, when Newcomer, the father, lying in wait for thieves who had been visiting his springhouse and cellar at night, suddenly arose from a dark corner and confronted the scared countenances of his "savage" daughters.

"I'll give you girls five minutes to clear off to your own beds," cried the old man. They cleared and (aside from neighborhood gossip) the incident was closed.

Saved by an Alarm Clock.

Mrs. Charles Roteman of Homerville, Pa., owes her life and home to the ringing of an alarm clock.

On a recent morning she arose early, took a lamp in one hand and an alarm clock in the other and started downstairs. She tripped and fell to the bottom of the staircase. The lamp exploded and set fire to a rug. The fall started the alarm clock ringing and awakened a daughter, Anna, who pulled her mother away from the fire and extinguished it.

Two Shot by Fireworks.

Two persons were seriously hurt during a fireworks exhibition, which was a closing feature of a three days' centennial celebration at Conneville, Pa. During the display a spark set off ten giant rockets, which shot into a crowd.

Killed in Fight Over a Dog.

James Perry, a negro, shot and killed Baldy Perry, white, at Raynor, in Franklin county, N. C. The homicide was the result of a dispute over possession of a dog.

Making Knives.

In the manufacture of knives the division of labor has been carried to such an extent that one knife is handled by seventy different artisans from the moment the blade is forged until the instrument is finished and ready for the market.

CRISIS IN PINAR DEL RIO

A Trap Set For The Cuban Commander

PLAN ATTACK ON HAVANA

Large Force of Rebels South and West of the City—Moderate Congressmen Do Not Accept Liberals' Proposal.

Havana, Cuba, Sept. 10.—Two more bridges on the Western railway in Cuba were blown up Friday night, one of them situated 12 miles east of Pinar del Rio, near Puerto Golpe, thus cutting off railroad communication with Pinar del Rio. A strong party of rebels is engaged destroying telegraph lines near Herradura, 30 miles east of the city of Pinar del Rio.

An armored train with 350 men and rapid-fire guns left Palacio soon after noon Saturday for Herradura. Commander Diaz, who was in command of the armored train, has been superseded by Col. Tahares. It is expected that the train will be attacked in front and rear, and that Col. Avalos, commander in chief of the government forces in Pinar del Rio, will be surrounded on all sides. The troop train which returned to Palacio Friday night, resumed its journey at 1 o'clock Saturday morning, going ahead of a regular passenger train from Havana to Puerto Golpe.

There are large forces of rebels south and west of Havana, and persistent rumors are current that it is their intention to attack the city, aided by elements within. This is causing extra precautions. The city militia, which was enlisted for the special purpose of guarding the outskirts of Havana, is being moved nightly by such small parties as are in Havana, especially in the vicinity of Veto springs, which supply water to the city.

The correspondent at Paso Real telegraphs that countrymen report that there were three hours' fighting Saturday evening by machine gun batteries and insurgents between Herradura and Consolacion del Sur, and also between Col. Avalos' force, which came on from Pinar del Rio, and insurgents near Consolacion del Sur. They assert that Col. Avalos camped Friday at Puerto Golpe, and moved Saturday to Herradura. The statements of the countrymen, however, have not been authenticated. The mayor of Guanajay, near Guanajay, has joined the insurgents. He was accompanied by 17 rural guards, who in anticipation of an attack, deserted the town of rural guards at Guanajay. Minor encounters are reported to have taken place near Placetas in the province of Santa Clara, and Guanajay, in which a few prisoners, arms and horses were captured. Four hundred reinforcements left Havana Saturday to cooperate with the machine gun corps in an endeavor to reach Col. Avalos at Pinar del Rio, and another machine gun battery started for Santa Clara on an armored train, which is taken to indicate that the government does not over-seriously regard the so-called unofficial armistice.

The moderate congressmen Saturday gave out at Havana a statement to the effect that they are not willing to agree to the proposition of the liberals that all congressmen resign in order that new elections may be held.

Special Session of Congress.

President Palma Saturday night issued a call for a special session of Congress for next Friday to consider the disturbed condition of the country and measures for ending the intolerable situation. The president is weary of the complicated and threatening condition, and is anxious to divide the responsibilities with congress.

The Climax of Corruption.

Mrs. Smithson Brown—'I can tell that Mrs. Jones Green Grey has been expelled from her club. Mrs. Clark Devorle—Served the horrid thing just right! Was her offense serious? 'Positively heinous, my dear. She was giving rebates on her alimony.'—Pack.

The Pain Family

You know them; they are numerous, and make their presence felt everywhere. The names of the family are Headache, Toothache, Earache, Backache, Stomach ache, Neuralgia, etc. They are sentinels that warn you of any derangement of your system. When the brain nerves become exhausted or irritated, Headache makes you miserable; if the stomach nerves are weak, indigestion results, and you double up with pain, and if the more prominent nerves are affected, Neuralgia simply makes life unendurable. The way to stop pain is to soothe and strengthen the nerves. Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills do this. The whole Pain family yield to their influence. Harmless if taken as directed.

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What is a Backache?

IT IS NATURE'S WARNING TO WOMEN

Diseases of Woman's Organism Cured and Consequent Pain Stopped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"It seems as though my back would break." Women utter these words over and over again, but continue to drag along and suffer with aches in the small of the back, pain low down in the side, "bearing-down" pains, nervousness and no ambition for any task.



Miss Maude Morris

They do not realize that the back is the main spring of woman's organism, and quickly indicates by aching a diseased condition of the female organs or kidneys, and that the aches and pains will continue until the cause is removed.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been for many years the one and only effective remedy in such cases. It speedily cures female and kidney disorders and restores the female organs to a healthy condition.

"I have suffered with female troubles for over two years, suffering intense pain each month, my back ached until it seemed as though I would break, and I felt so weak all over that I did not find strength to attend to my work, but had to stay in bed a large part of the first two or three days every month. I would have sleepless nights, bad dreams and severe headaches. All this undermined my health.

"We consulted an old family physician, who advised that I try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I began taking it regularly and soon found that I could sleep and eat better than I had done for months. Within two months I became regular and I no longer suffer from backache or pain."—Miss Maude Morris, Sec. Ladies Aid and Mission Society, 58 E. Hunter St., Atlanta, Ga.

FRIBBLES OF FASHION.

Embroidered Lines Belts Worn With Wool Suits—V Neck Effects.

Embroidered belts of heavy linen will be worn with woolen tailored suits. They usually match the suit in color and are embroidered in exactly the same tone as the linen. It is possible nowadays to get linen in all the fashionable tailored shades.

In Paris V neck effects are contrived in all sorts of unexpected ways. Some of the simplest are nothing more than a modified form of the surplised vest. In the majority of cases these V necks are unusually becoming.

There are echoes of a dozen different famous periods and nationalities in the wraps one sees. Mantles of the old fashioned type are struggling hard for supremacy this fall. One interesting mantle is shirred into curious folds.



GIRL'S EMPIRE GOWN.

and if M. Worth was not the designer it would be thought an impossible style.

It is the color of a woman's gown that makes her look young or old; for instance, navy blue is a young color, but black plays havoc with most faces past their first youth.

The gown illustrated is a charming empire style for a young girl carried out in yellow crepe. The skirt is simply trimmed with ruffles of the material. Lace adorns the round neck and forms the tabbed ends that hang over the bodice. The grille is of brown velvet drawn through a full gold buckle.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

Visiting Cards. In 1857 the Duke of Parma had his photograph upon his visiting cards. Hence the term "cartes-de-visite."

Snake Dreams.

A well known authority on dreams and dream books says: "To dream you see snakes or serpents shows that you will be imprisoned and encounter many dangers. If you are in love, your sweetheart will be false. To dream you kill a snake shows you will overcome all enemies and enemies and be successful in love, trade or farming, but unsuccessful at sea."

ELECTION IN MAINE TODAY

Congressman Littlefield Central Figure

IN TODAY'S ELECTION

Democrats Have Hopes of Carrying the State on the Resubmission Issue

—Many States Watch the Outcome.

Portland, Me., Sept. 10.—The political campaign in Maine was brought to a close Saturday night, and the ballots are being cast today in 520 cities, towns and plantations for four congressmen, a governor, state senators, state representatives and county officers. The campaign, which has been the liveliest in years, has aroused keen national interest because of the attack made upon Congressman Charles E. Littlefield of the 2nd Maine district by Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor.

The outcome of the campaign against Congressman Littlefield is said to be awaited with deep concern by leaders in several other states because of President Gompers' announced intention of campaigning against congressmen who failed to support labor bills at the last session of Congress. The fight between the labor leader and the legislator has been hard and bitter, and while there remains a great element of uncertainty the congressman's friends believe that he will be re-elected, although by a reduced plurality. His opponents are Daniel J. McGillicuddy of Lewiston, democrat; William T. Estis of Dixfield, prohibitionist, and Walter R. Pickering of Auburn, socialist.

The candidates for the head of the state ticket are William T. Cobb of Rockland, the present chief executive of the state; Cyrus W. Davis of Waterville, the democratic candidate over whom Gov. Cobb secured a plurality in excess of 20,000 two years ago; Henry Woodworth of Winthrop, prohibitionist, and Charles L. Fox, socialist. Prominent republicans in the state admit that the plurality of the state ticket will be greatly reduced. For 14 years the plurality of the republican party has ranged between 9,000 and 40,000. This year it is estimated at between 9,000 and 15,000. The democrats believe that their candidates will be elected and many republicans said last night that they would not be surprised at the election of Davis. This belief is based on the strong undercurrent of dissatisfaction because of the passage by the last Legislature of the Cull-Sturgis liquor law enforcement act, so called.

Among the speakers of national prominence who took part in the campaign were Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, William H. Taft, secretary of war, Senators Lodge and Brewster, and several congressmen from various parts of the country. Seth M. Carter of Lewiston, chairman of the republican state committee, issued a statement Saturday declaring that his party would carry the state by from 12,000 to 15,000, elect all congressmen and have a safe majority in both branches of the Legislature. Maj. Edgar L. Jones of Waterville, chairman of the democratic state committee, said Saturday that he felt sanguine of democratic success. He predicted that 55,000 democrats will vote for Davis, and that they would be joined by 10,000 conscientious republicans.

Toll for the Jam. The Jam of Navagar, on the Gulf of Clutch, is dead.—News Despatch. By the ocean cold sat a pilgrim old, And tattered were his studs; He wept as he drank and his salt tears sank Deep in his can of suds.

"For years," said he, "I followed the sea, And visited countries quaint; And had my fling at most everything In the book, and some that ain't."

"I've pitched my tent on the continent That's south of the Southern sea, And the Bey of Fwhat and Akhook of swat Were bunkies off with me.

"I've friends as true in Timbuctoo, And scores in Mogatar; But no other such as the King of Clutch, The Jam of Navagar.

"Baroda's Galk with me did hike Through the swamps of Kosber, And the Raj of Juss is a merry cuss When I'm around to cheer.

"But never again will I smile on men— Oh, woe is me, is me— For the Jam is dead." Then how, I said.

"Can you go on a jamboree?" "That's it"—and he swore, as his hair he tore— I hid while he yanked his head, But I heard afar, "Weep, Navagar!"

Monro, Clutch, for the Jam is dead.—Philadelphia North American.

THE QUEEN.

Such a little woman, she, That has the upper-hand of me And orders me about— 'Tis "come," and "go!"—first in, then out.

At her wee back I'm forced to ride— Whatever direful fate betide— Each hobby she may choose, Nor ask for reasons, nor refuse.

I'm scalded, harness'd, badger'd, kiss'd, Lummel'd by her dainty fist; There's such a mischievous intent In every glance upon me bent, 'Ee grown her nearest smile to dread.

There's worse a hair left on my head— And yet, if I should dare denour The very stones would side with her, So full of witchery is she That has the upper-hand of me.—Chicago Record-Herald.



My! That's good

Many an otherwise good cake is spoiled by the use of poor flavoring. What folly!

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CHIC STYLES.

Hats With Strings a Fashion Possibility—Tan Suede Gloves Modish.

There is an attempt made to introduce hats with strings this fall. As yet nothing but old ladies' bonnets have appeared so equipped, except this latest model of a toque hat trimmed with velvety bunches of ribbon, which may look quite demure when worn by a pretty young girl.

Everybody is wearing suede gloves with closed wrists. It has become the mode to take tea and sometimes luncheon without removing the gloves.



FRENCH FLANNEL DRESS.

perhaps because gloves with closed wrists are so hard to get off. Even in the case of black or white costumes tan suede gloves are worn.

Lace veils should be chosen with extreme care. In these veils there is a tendency toward heavy borders, which hide the lower part of the face. The style at present is to draw the veil rather tightly from the chin by a neat line to the back of the hat brim, and there the ends tie in a bow.

Parisian rumor has it that long earrings are to be worn. In fact, they are already being shown in the jewelry shops to some extent.

The blouse illustrated is one of the new fall styles designed for French flannel. The novelty lies in the button-trimmed straps.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

To improve the flavor of roast beef and give a rich brown color add a tablespoonful of sugar to the water for basting the meat.

An authority on cooking says that a tumblerful of red currant jelly turned into a pint of ice cream is delicious and imparts an attractive pink tint to the cream.

If you have no celery on hand when flavoring a soup use a small quantity of celery seed. Often there will be plenty of celery seed and other spices in the pantry when a few sprays of something fresh cannot be obtained.

By cutting old potatoes into small balls, allowing them to soak for three or four hours in cold water, then boiling in cold salted water and serving with cream sauce a good substitute for new potatoes is obtained.

Old French Customs.

In the south of France the handing of a sweet pea by a young lady to a young gentleman is a polite way of stating that she is tired of his company.

Burton and the "Arabian Nights." Sir Richard Burton's translation of the "Arabian Nights" was sold out in ten days and brought \$50,000, upon which he and his wife lived royally for five years. At his death but \$2 remained of the sum, and Lady Burton deposited it in the poor box of her church.

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