

Col. Roosevelt's Assassin, His Surgeon and Stenographer

JOHNSCHHRANK, the assassin of Theodore Roosevelt, is a short, stubby man with a calm face, inoffensive, shrinking manner, who at times in connection with matters over which he brooded deeply betrayed traces of insanity, which affected his father and his grandfather, John Schrank 1st, a brewer of Erding, Bavaria. He is thirty-six years old.

Schrank is a morbid man and not a Socialist. He had no intimates except his relatives. He was educated in the public schools and speaks English as well as German. He came to this country to live in New York with his uncle and aunt after the death of his father and mother, the father having died the death of a maniac.

Several times in his life Schrank has shown indications which mark him as one mentally affected. He was violent at his aunt's funeral in Brooklyn. For

so that the colonel could see him. By this time the police had got up, and Martin turned the assassin over to them.

After having received first aid treatment at Milwaukee Colonel Roosevelt



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DR. JOHN B. MURPHY.

was removed to Mercy hospital, Chicago, where he was attended by several noted physicians. Heading the list was Dr. John B. Murphy, one of the most prominent surgeons in the world. It was Dr. Murphy who in-



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JOHN SCHRANK.

days he returned to the grave, weeping and mourning, covering the spot with flowers.

The force of Schrank's irrational mind began to direct itself against Colonel Roosevelt some time ago. It is plain that for several months he had been resolving plans for slaying Roosevelt. He followed the colonel to many cities, but failed to get an opportunity to fire his bullet until Milwaukee was reached.

In a confession of his crime Schrank said he had looked upon Roosevelt's plan to start a third party as a danger to the country and finally decided that it was his duty to kill the former president. He told of a dream in which



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MERCY HOSPITAL, CHICAGO; ROOSEVELT'S ROOM INDICATED BY CROSSES.

the late President McKinley appeared before him and told him that Roosevelt had killed him so that he might become president.

Albert E. Martin, Roosevelt's stenographer, is credited with having prevented Schrank from firing a second shot. Martin is twenty-nine years old and a native of Manchester, Vt. He got a position at the New York Progressive headquarters in August and soon afterward became Mr. Roosevelt's personal stenographer. He is not only an expert stenographer, but a lawyer.

Martin had one foot on the sidewalk and the other on the running board of Roosevelt's automobile when Schrank fired. Martin went clear across the intervening space in one leap, caught the assassin, threw his right arm around the man's neck and bore him to the pavement. Schrank's neck was in danger of being broken by Martin's half Nelson hold when Colonel Roosevelt called out, "Don't hurt him; bring him to me."

Martin dragged the fellow along, handed the revolver to the colonel and then twisted the man's face around

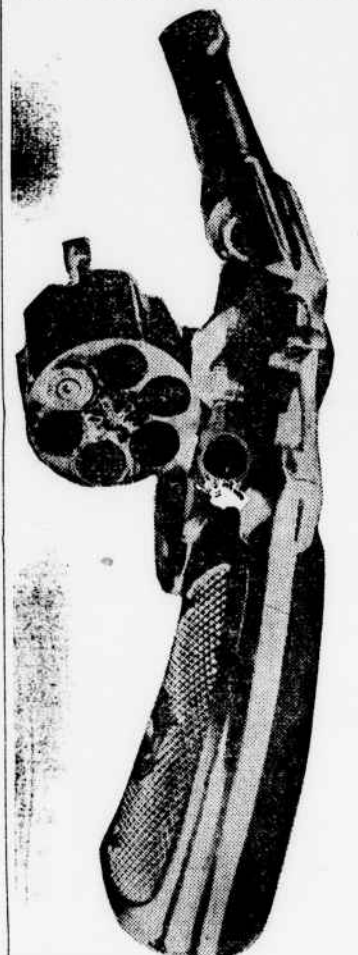


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vented the perfected "Murphy button" now used in intestinal surgery the world over and acknowledged by surgeons to be one of the most important additions to surgical science. The Murphy button is a contrivance for



ALBERT E. MARTIN.

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SELF HEALING TIRE.

Rubber Inner Tube That Holds Air After Being Punctured.

A new form of inner tube which has recently been placed on the market is well worthy of consideration as seemingly representing an important step in the right direction.

This tube contains no filler, no "dope" of any kind, but is a regular pneumatic tube inflated with air in the usual way, which, owing to some peculiar and very ingenious features in its construction, is in a large measure self-sealing and will hold the air for a long time, it is claimed, even after receiving a very severe puncture. The principle on which the construction of this tire is based can best be explained by reference to our illustrations. The inner tube is made rather heavy at the tread and has imbedded in it a strip of canvas seen in section in Fig. 1, which represents the appearance of the tube when first made. We now come to the important feature of the new tube. After a length of tubing has been made as usual and with the structure shown in Fig. 1 the tube is now turned inside out. An inspection of Fig. 1 will show that the canvas strip, forming as it does an arc of the inner circumference of the tire

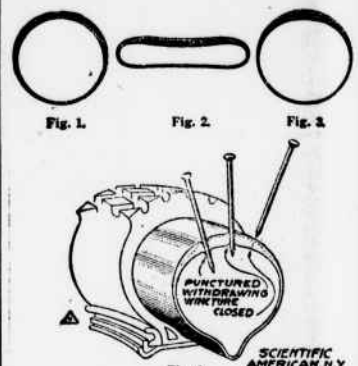


Fig. 1. Fig. 2. Fig. 3. Fig. 4. SELF HEALING AUTO TIRE.

as first made, is necessarily shorter than the corresponding arc of the outer circumference of the tube. The consequence of this is that when the tube is turned inside out the canvas strip is under tension, and, being inelastic and therefore unable to give way to this tension, it holds the deflated tire in a flat position, as shown in Fig. 2. On inflation the tire is, of course, forced to assume a circular form, and the canvas strip, being now situated on the external circumference and being, as already pointed out, inextensible, compresses the rubber underneath it, so that the tread portion of the inner tube is always under compression and therefore self-sealing. In point of fact, a puncture made with a sharp nail or point seals itself automatically, so that it cannot be detected by the usual immersion in water.

The diagram of Fig. 4 is intended to show roughly the way in which the rubber behaves when a puncture is made. The nail on the left is shown in its entering position, when it drags the fiber of the rubber with it and raises a tuft of rubber on the inside of the tube. The nail on the right is being withdrawn, and the fiber of the rubber is following in its motion. On the extreme right is seen a puncture sealed by the rubber after the nail has been extracted.

Ditograph's Wide Range.
K. M. Turner, inventor of the ditograph, which he says has been misspelled ditagraph, gave a demonstration of the various ways in which the device could be practically utilized in New York recently.

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Economical Reflectors.
Reflectors that may be attached to any electric light, called asymmetrical reflectors, may now be obtained. Their purpose is to throw the bulk of the light from the lamp in one direction. They are especially useful in illuminating long halls, for throwing light into closets, in the bathroom for shaving or wherever more light is needed in a certain spot. Where such reflectors are employed a smaller lamp may be used, thus cutting down the cost of current.

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