

TACKS MAY CLEAR WRITER'S MEMORY

Homer Flint Dead Under Circumstances Indicating Banditry as Side Line.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 31.—Some time within the next twenty-four hours a ten-pound package of broad-headed tacks, of a somewhat peculiar design, is expected to sweep away the cloud of suspicion that hovers over the body of Homer O. Flint, widely known short story writer, which was found beneath an overturned automobile on a lonely road near here Thursday.

Should the expected materialize, it will save Flint from going down in police annals as a member of the literary who mixed banditry and bank robbery with fiction writing. Also it will serve once more to point the old adage that some unwitting blunder always proves the nemesis of every criminal.

Report of Hold-Up.

Almost simultaneously with the discovery of the body of Flint a taxi-cab driver, notified the police by telephone from a farmhouse several miles distant that he had been held up and robbed of his money and his automobile by a lone well dressed passenger, who had hired the cab for a trip to a country roadhouse.

The taxi-cab driver later identified the overturned car as his, and the body of Flint as that of the man who had robbed him. Lending credence to his story was an automatic pistol in Flint's overcoat pocket. There also was found in the car the ten-pound package of tacks, but no significance was attached to these at the time.

Claim Flint Robbed.

All the apparent evidence pointed to a Jekyll-Hyde existence on the part of the young author. Then relatives came forward and declared that Flint had left his home in San Jose with \$400 in his possession. Only \$141 was found in his pockets. The police became suspicious.

Investigating the taxi-cab driver they found that he had twice been arrested on robbery charges, once as the driver of a bandit car. Then they remembered that a few weeks ago a band of robbers had successfully thwarted pursuit after a Fresno county bank hold-up by scattering tacks along the road as they fled. Those tacks were similar to the ones found in the wrecked car. It also developed that the tacks had been in the car before Flint hired it for the roadhouse trip.

Chauffeur Gives Alibi. Attaches of the robbed Fresno bank viewed Flint's body and declared it was not that of one of the robbers. Then they looked at the chauffeur and said he looked like one of the band. The chauffeur, however, offered an alibi which has not been overturned. So far the authorities have been unable to shake the chauffeur's story that Flint held him up and then sped away to his death over the side of the precipitous road. District Attorney Decoto of Alameda county declares his emphatic belief in Flint's innocence, however, and declares a hunt now is on for a third man, whose arrest may completely vindicate Flint.

National power resources of the world power production and distribution and power utilization will be discussed by representatives at the World Power Conference in London this summer.

Peachbloom Cheeks Restored By Doctors With X-Ray Treatment

Skin Blemishes Burned Away, Wrinkles Disappear, But Method Safe Only in Hands of Experts, Physicians Claim.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The discovery of a short road to peachbloom beauty by way of the X-ray was announced today by authorities at Beth Israel Hospital, after experiments with a method recently disclosed before the Eastern Medical Society by Dr. Oscar Levin of this city.

The hospital surgeons warned, however, against the promiscuous adoption of the X-ray process by beauty parlors and barber shops, because of the danger of burning or cancer infection.

Under the method the patient's face is exposed to direct X-rays from eight to ten times in as many weeks. The greatest precautions are taken, the patient's scalp, ears, eyes and eyebrows being covered with lead foil and the chest and neck with heavy rubber.

The X-rays not only burn away any skin disease, but are said to stimulate the facial nerves and the circulation of blood as to change the contour of the face. Wrinkles disappear, it is reported, and the old tissue is replaced with new of such vigor that the expression as well as the complexion becomes that of youth.

The only drawbacks to the treatment were declared to be the appearance of freckles and patches, which, however, disappeared as soon as the treatments were completed, the doctors said.

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The first service was attended by less than 100 persons, but in late years Mount Rubidoux has attracted upward of 40,000 Easter pilgrims. The idea has spread, and now there are many such Easter morning services in various parts of California.

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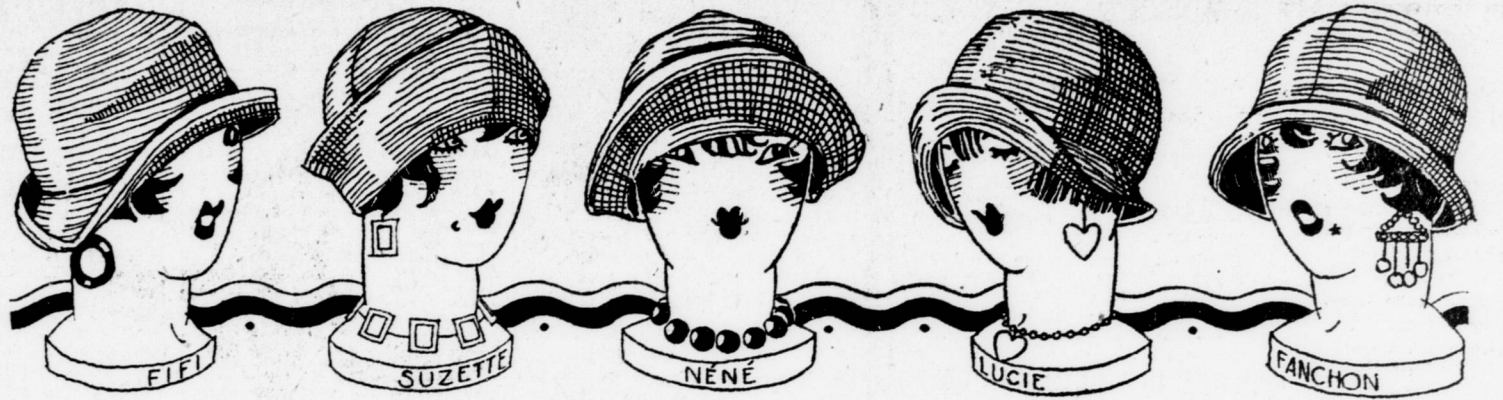
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Kann's—Second Floor



The Sale of Lingerie

—Again affords those who did not attend today the opportunity of choosing pretty cotton garments.

At 95c, \$1.49 and \$1.95

—Simple or elaborately trimmed gowns, chemise, pajamas, bloomers, step-ins and princess slips are included in this assortment. Many kinds of pretty cotton materials to select from.

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Kann's—Second Floor.

Imported Fabric Gloves, \$1.19 Pr.

16-button length, and washable

—Heavy tutone stitched backs. In mastic, mode, beaver, light gray, new beaver, new covert and pongee. Sizes 5½ to 8.

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65c Pair

Kann's—Street Floor.

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—The vogue for black and white lends its smartness to these charming scarfs. Various styles, some in black and white mixtures, others black or white with contrasting stripes. Also blocked styles and all fringe finished. A few are monogrammed.

Kann's—Street Floor.

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