

SPRING FANCIES.

Against the gray of wintry sky
The trees outside their perfect grace;
Alone the branches lifted high
The slender twigs, methinks, do trace
Quaint characters, whose mystery
The Dryad alphabet might be.

CRIME FROM A BUSINESS STANDPOINT.

By George A. De.

Does any criminal ever make a success of his business?
This question was asked of Inspector John D. Shea a few days ago.

floor with a crowd around him, was Murphy. He was the fellow I had seen with the woman. As soon as I got a fair peep at his face I knew him.

Many people of humane sentiments and a general ignorance of criminals have protested against the police keeping watch over ex-convicts and all men who have been photographed at the rogues' gallery.



BROUGHT IN AND QUESTIONED.

the eyes of the police the end justifies the means, and an experienced officer and thief-catcher such as Inspector Shea has very little sympathy with sentimental theories.

The State Department has given out the following: "In view of the widely published reports that the French mail steamship Lafayette which was recently permitted to enter Havana and discharge her official mail, had violated the neutrality under which the privilege was accorded her by the Government of the United States, it is authoritatively stated that the Department of State has been satisfactorily convinced that nothing of the kind was done; that no merchandise whatever, no contraband of war and no Spanish gunners were recently landed at Havana by the Lafayette."

The Louisville Legion started to war on Friday the 13th day of the month, regardless of luck and superstition.

Hopkinsville Produce Market.

- Cash prices paid by Hopkinsville merchants: Bacon—Hams—country 7 1/2 @ 8c, Shoulders 4 1/2 @ 5c, Sides 6 @ 6 1/2 c, Lard 5 1/2 @ 6c.

- Country Produce—Butter .16c, Eggs .8c, New feathers .30 @ 32c, Beeswax .20 @ 22c, Tallow .3c, Ginseng, per lb. \$2 @ 2.25, Honey .10c, Tub-washed wool .28 @ 30c, Greased .18 @ 20c, Burry wool .10 @ 14c.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE First - National - Bank, HOPKINSVILLE, - KENTUCKY.

Table with financial data including RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and Total. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, etc.

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