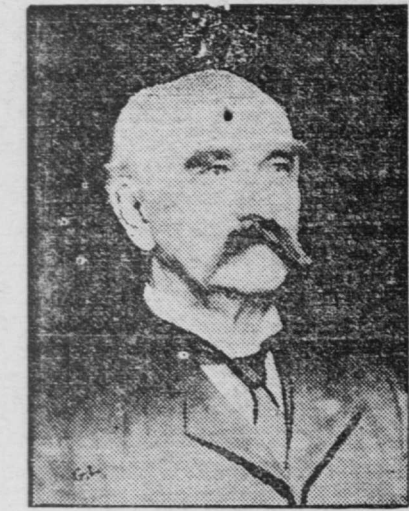


# HOW VALUABLES ARE SAFELY KEPT

Probably there are comparatively few people in St. Paul who know that there is a place where they may deposit their money, jewelry, papers and other valuables at a nominal cost, and have them most safely and securely guarded against loss by fire or theft.

There are just such places in this city, as there are in every large city, and interesting, indeed, is the working of those modern strong boxes known as safety deposit vaults.

One of these concerns in a downtown building has 800 tiny safes in which valuables may be deposited and



CAPT. R. G. RHOADES,  
Custodian of a Local Safety Deposit Vault.

remain at all times under the direct and watchful care of a competent custodian during the day and of a faithful watchman at night.

Capt. R. G. Rhoades is in charge of one of these deposit vaults during the day, and in the twelve years of his service he has seen many little romances enacted by the depositors. Capt. Rhoades keeps a watchful eye on his many vaults of treasures, which range from old family relics to the most important papers of the largest concerns in the city.

To become a renter of a safe in the vaults, one has to go through considerable red tape, which is, however, necessary for the protection of the company and of the patrons.

In the first place when the application is made, a description of the prospective depositor is taken that is second only to the famous Bertillon system in use by the police. This completed, the depositor is given a key. There is no duplicate to this key in existence. He is the sole possessor of it and it can only be used by him, and then only in the presence of the custodian who has a second key, the patron's key is known as the master key, but it is perfectly useless without the second key held by the custodian, as is the custodian's without the presence of the master key.

## Given a Pass Word.

After selecting his box, which is numbered and his key is turned over to him he is given a private pass word. He must not divulge this word to a living person and he and the custodian are the only ones that know it.

In time, of course, the custodian becomes acquainted with his patrons, but even then the formality of giving the pass word must be gone through each time the box is unlocked.

Then the patron is at liberty to make his deposit. What it is concerns no one but himself and no one but himself is supposed to know what he has put in the vault for safe keeping. The custodian must not know, and under circumstances must be touch a thing that is in the box, even if requested to do so by the depositor. The custodian is simply the guardian of the vault. His key must be at hand when the depositor would open the box, he must see that none is broken, and he gains access to the box, and there his duty ends.

That these vaults or boxes are fire and burglar proof is apparent to the casual observer, and when the details of the construction are announced, the first impression is greatly strengthened. The vault which contains the smaller safes is a two-story structure. It is built of three thicknesses of chilled steel plates, welded together from the inside. The floor and roof is of railroad iron and around the whole is a fire wall, two feet thick, built of cement and steel railroad rails. The outer door at the first glance would afford but little or no protection. It is made of thick polished oak and apparently could be broken through by a strong man with little effort.

## Net Work of Wires.

A close examination, however, reveals the fact that the door is a net work of wires and once closed the slightest touch will set a number of gongs ringing in a messenger office nearby and there will be a rush to see who the disturber is.

Next to this is the first real door. It is a ponderous affair, weighing five tons and equipped with a time lock, the mechanism of which is equal to that in the finest watch ever constructed.

This door is secured by huge steel bolts which catch behind the steel door casing, and once the door is shut the bolts shot home. It is impossible to open it until the appointed hour set by the time dial.

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secured by a strong lock and inside of this another heavy steel door that is locked by the regular combination lock. With all these doors and the solid wall of the vault the small boxes are indeed safe, and yet they are locked, each one doubly until the whole affair becomes a wearying series of locks within locks, and the mind of an expert mechanic is alone able to cope with it.

For a safeblower to set out to work his way into the vault would be a waste of time. Even if he should force the wooden door without sounding an alarm, which is impossible, he would be confronted by this five tons of steel, built and put together by master mechanics, who are trained to build doors against such as he, and it is safe to say that it would take him a lifetime to effect an entrance.

Special Instructions.  
Some of these small safes are marked in a manner that indicates that there are special instructions regarding the opening of them. For instance, there is one box that contains papers belonging to a big local corporation. When this box was rented the stipulations made that it should only be opened in the presence of two or more officers of the company. It would be impossible for even the president of the company to come with the key and the pass word and get at the contents of the box alone. Sometimes four are required to be present when other boxes are opened. In many instances all the children of a family must be there and so it goes, and thus every precaution and every possible means of safety and preservation that can be imagined are provided.

No names of depositors are disclosed by the company. Everything in connection with the deposit or depositor is kept a secret, and in fact the com-



SHOWING A DEPOSITOR OPENING ONE OF THE SAFES.

pany knows but little of the deposits, but it satisfies itself as to the depositor.

## Even a Romance.

A pretty little romance was culminated a short time ago at a local deposit company's vaults. A few years ago a young man and a young woman came and took a box. It was taken in both their names and the couple began to deposit savings in it. They always came together, for one of them alone could not have gained access to it. They deposited their savings, coming in from the growing fund and finally coming in one day not long ago, the man radiant, the woman blushing and removed their savings.

They were to be married and the safety deposit vault had enabled them to save sufficient money to make their start in life an auspicious one.

This is only one of many of the same kind. There are others, perhaps, that do not terminate as happily but the officials of the company are loath to divulge any information regarding the personal affairs of their patrons.

Private rooms, provided with desks and writing materials, are provided for the use of the renters. These rooms may be locked and the contents of the little safe gone over, safe from any prying eye. In every possible way the affairs of the patrons are guarded and the result is really a philanthropic institution.

Besides the safety vaults there are storage facilities. Here lie valuable packages, trunks, boxes, etc., safe from the barred and bolted doors of a modern vault.

## A Trunk Mystery.

In one of these there lies a trunk that has been opened twice in twelve years. What it contains is a mystery that perhaps will never be solved. No one is allowed in the vault unless accompanied by the custodian. A scrub woman cannot go into it to clean it unless the custodian is present. Every precaution is taken in this department as well as in the safety vaults section.

The depositors patronize the vaults steadily. They pay the rent and sometimes it is years at a time that the boxes will not be opened. Sometimes deposits are made for a brief time by people passing through the city. Just what each vault contains would form food for an active imagination for a long time as the whole place smells of mystery. The institutions are rapidly growing in favor and make excellent places for the deposit of all manner of valuables and are well patronized.

## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

After it's life in the arts, M. Ditts takes us, a metal is gradually returned to the earth in most cases in its original form. Iron and tin are recovered, lead into oxides; copper into oxides, and gold and platinum, usually found, disappear through friction and mechanical action. In the soil, metals are further changed by saline substances and water, and

form metalliferous deposits for the use of future centuries.

Hay fever is a subject of perennial investigation. By inquiries among 400 persons at North sea resorts, Dr. Thast has confirmed the assumption that its chief peculiarity is an idiosyncrasy of the olfactory nerve in respect to the odors of certain flowers, and that the only places absolutely free from it are those with scanty, low vegetation, without much blossoming. While no remedy will cure once for all a few applications, the experience of these persons shows that it can be relieved and even cured by local treatment.

The new self-luminous mixture of a French chemist, claimed to require only a very short exposure to light and to be unusually brilliant and lasting, consists of twenty parts of dehydrated sodium carbonate, five of sodium chloride, one of magnesium sulphate, 500 of strombolite carbonate and 150 of sulphur. The well-mixed materials are kept at a white heat for three hours in a muffle from which the air is carefully excluded.

The largest pendulum ever made is that with which Messrs. Berbet and Flammarion have been demonstrating the earth's rotation, in Paris. A lead ball of fifty-six pounds is attached to a fine piano wire about 210 feet long. The oscillation lasts sixteen seconds.

Color photography, through the bleaching action of light upon certain dyes, has occupied the attention of Karl Worel for more than three years. He has found that paper coated with suitable proportions of certain red, yellow and blue dyes, reproduces the color of the light falling upon it, and that the sensitiveness is greatly increased by ethereal oils. Of about 100 different oils tried the oil of anise proved the most powerful sensitizer, this property depending upon its anethol. In practice, a bath was prepared with alcoholic solutions of primrose, Victoria blue, a few drops of cyanine,



NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 16.—The recovery of his lost daughter Alice by Capt. Manuel Terrebomme is truly a modern miracle, and one that exceeds the most daring flights of fiction.

Little Alice was torn away from her father and lost in the Gulf of Mexico during the most terrific storm within memory. So remarkable was her escape that it seems as if she must have been saved by an angel. For nearly ten years her father was in quest of her death as he could possibly be of any fact. But now she has been returned to him, after ten years' absence, alive and as well as on the day he last saw her.

Capt. Terrebomme lived with his wife and ten children on the island of Cheniere Camellia, in the Gulf. He was a stout-hearted, weather-beaten fisherman, devoted to his family. On October 1, 1893, the morning dawned wet and stormy. All night a slow drizzle. Toward evening the storm clouds, fierce and ominous, began to form themselves over the Gulf. At midnight they broke and a deluge poured down with a rush that brooked no opposition. Earth and heaven seemed to have entered into a league to destroy the little island. The wind howled in the path of the wind, the waves and the surf. It was the historic storm of '93.

Capt. Terrebomme had often battled with the elements, but this time the strife was too much for him. The waves swept completely over the island. He made the most heroic efforts to save his family. Swimming and battling with the waves, he carried four of them successively to a place of refuge on a ship wreck. He was carrying the fifth, little Alice, aged only six, when she was struck on the head by a floating spar and rendered momentarily unconscious. In an instant her daughter was snatched away from him and swallowed up in the raging water. Capt. Terrebomme was picked up himself, but he and nobody else were certain that the little girl had been drowned.

When the great storm was over Capt. Terrebomme had lost his wife and six children, including Alice. He had to begin life anew.

He moved to Grand Isle, where he resumed his struggle with the sea for an existence. His sons grew up and became strong men. Gradually they lifted the burden from his shoulders. Sooner or later he would be free. He himself remained a widower.

Eight years after the storm Capt. Terrebomme received word that a girl resembling his daughter Alice had been seen at Daisy Postoffice. He could hardly believe it possible, but he went to see for himself, and there he found a young woman who had been swept away when she was six years old. He could recognize her by her features, but she also possessed a peculiar mark on the ear which no one else would be likely to have.

Mrs. Arthur Lee had secured her from a waifs' home, which in turn had taken her from a Filipino fisherman at Shell Beach.

The child could give no clear account of how she was saved from the storm, but she seemed to have a knowledge of the wreckage and was blown across the surface of the waters until she was picked up on the coast of Louisiana.

After finding his daughter, the severe struggle awaited the old captain. Her adoptive parents were unwilling to give the child up. They alleged that a father would be unable to recognize a child who had been lost so young and whom he had not seen for so many years.

It became the one idea of the old man's life to regain his child. Finally, after a year of waiting, during which time he made many unsuccessful attempts to secure the return of his daughter, she was finally restored to his keeping by order of court.

When Alice Terrebomme's life from the time she was swept away by the waves until her appearance with the Filipino is a mystery that will perhaps never be completely unraveled. She spoke French perfectly before the storm, but now she only speaks English. Her mind is a blank so far as the past is concerned, but this condition has often occurred in older persons who have experienced a great shock.

Her strange history first came to the knowledge of the public in August 1896, when A. E. Nunez, sheriff of St. Bernard Parish, discovered her at the house of Calisto Caballo, a Filipino fisherman, at Shell Beach. Caballo could give no satisfactory explanation of his possession of the girl. She had been brought to him by his wife, an Indian woman. The woman had never explained in a satisfactory manner how she had come by the child. Identification was complicated by the disappearance of this woman, who is now believed to be dead.

There is a large colony of Filipino fishermen long established in this region. They live just as they do in their native wilds. Alice grew up like a little Filipino, happy but savage. She played about on the seashore, dressed in nothing but a gaudy sarong and was so browned by the sun that her complexion was almost Filipino.

She was placed in the care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. She was sent by President Clay to the Waifs' Home at Beauvoir, Miss., and entered as Victoria Madeline Hanna, "known as Vic Hanna." The girl was pretty and bright-eyed, and must have won the affections of the Filipino and his companion, for her nickname with them was "Sugar."

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and was sure that the girl in the chair was the six-year-old girl whom she had seen playing on the beach two months before the storm. Mrs. Pesch also corroborated Capt. Terrebomme as to the torn ear, and when asked further about it, rose from her seat, and taking the right ear of Alice, said: "I remember when it was made, Alice had been playing with some little girls on the beach, when she fell, and her ear caught in a friend's dress and was pulled right through the ear."

The Terrebomme family proved their case beyond a reasonable doubt, and the court handed Alice over to her old father. He proudly took her aboard his lugger and sailed away down Socia Canal for Grand Isle.

Hewitt—The first comic opera was written in 1249.  
Jewitt—And there hasn't been a new one written since.—New York Times

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