CROOK? YES! NOT THIEF! SAYS LILLIS

YORK.-Jim Lillis, as he is known throughthe length breadth of the land, is a crook-at one time be was one of the most successful crooks in the world. He studied robbery, worked hard at it for many years, made himself an expert at ft, but came to grief over

over again. He is now, at the age of 51, an old man, broken in spirit, broken in health. Seven long terms of imprisonment in penal institotions on both sides of the Atlantic have convinced him that his chosen profession is a poor one, and nowhe finished his last term only two weeks ago-he has resolved to lead an bonest life.

Everybody will say an habitual criminal like myself cannot reform," said Lillis, the other day. "I don't believe a thief can reform. This is my opinion formed after association with thieves for forty years. But a crook can reform. There is a difference between a thief and a crook. The crock, I say, can reform, if he takes himself in time. I would place 20 years of age as the time when the probabilities of reform are greatest. Of course, there are exceptions; I, for

though I am past 50. The ordinary crook is saturated for the job. with the idea of obtaining money easily and spending it rapidly. If, before he is 30, he sees the difficulties. reaches my age.

"Thickes" and "Crooks."

Thieves are born, not made. A crook "bank sneak." is not a thief by instinct, but by profersion. I have devoted my time to cine, I should have been a successful noted crooks in that city.

am simply giving up the profession Walsh made him his protege, and towhich I have followed for nearly forty gether they planned and executed sev-There is no longer anything left

I was unable to get honest work and from the messenger and make a break it was either steal or starve. I have for safety while they prevented the thought of suicide, but 'way down in messenger or any one else from internever attempted to take my life. Now and said he could do it. He found that I am a free man, I am going to that he would be obliged to sprint remain free by abandoning the poor- nearly 300 yards before he could make est profession in the world."

No Money in Thievery.

one conclusion can be drawn-thieving as a profession doesn't pay.

to Cincinnati in 1861, and, as his father joined the Union army, he had tional bank. to help support his mother. Accordingly, he sold newspapers in the streets, and he received his early edu- shoe the instant the satchel was er newshoys. He made several dol- from going in pursuit. Johnson and and everything went smoothly until attempted to catch the thief. There er came up to him, snatched the news hundred feet away and the narrow \$5 bill in his hand and tossed the pa- almost impossible for the "sneak" to pers into the gutter.

for me?" Yes. Will you work for me?"

"I will."

His First Successful "Getaway." The stranger was "Joe" Butts, the

THE MYSTERY OF QUICKSAND way under a load. Instances are re- thetic interest attaching to the fact Scientist Offers Explanation of Sublow the surface. The general opinion ject That Long Has Baffled the seems to be that this is due to a soft Average Mind. underlying layer of clay or mud, which no doubt in some instance is Many inquirers, reading or hearing the true explanation. Mr. Carus-Wilof the dangerous and mysterious qualities of quicksands, have sought in ters, pointed out to me recently, how-

vain to find the difference between ever, that another factor may be the these and ordinary expanses of sand. imprisoning of gas between the grains, Why so they engulf the unwary? An due to decomposition of organic matenswer to this question is difficult to ter. obtain, and is generally unsatisfac- "It must also be borne in mind that tory when found. In a lecture on the any surface in so good a contact with properties of sand, delivered at the wet sand that the air is excluded will Royal institution in London, Charles be held fast by atmospheric pressure; E. S. Phillips tells us that the dif- and further, that an object so situated, ference between quicksand and other and tilted this way and that, will rapsand is accidental rather than funds- idly become embedded and swallowed mental. He says, as reported in Na- up. It is by this simple process that ture(London, August 25): the celebrated Goodwin Sands have "A certain amount of unnecessary claimed so many victims. A large per-

mystery seems to surround this mut- centage of the versels stranded upon ter. I hasten to point out that the them, however, ficat safely off on the grains of quicksands appear to be in rising tide, but now and then one is philanthropist. no way extraordinary. Nevertheless, caught and docmed. In the past they the fact remains that sand in certain have been responsible for many a localities of on the coast readily gives shipping tragedy; and there is a pa- within five minutes."-Judge.



turn aside with a fair chance of bury- took all but \$100. Still, that sum was bim. for reformation if he waits until he worked with, or rather for, Butts for snatch the satchel. two years and "pulled off" several daring jobs. He made a specialty of robis a thief through natural instincts. lance became what is known as a out a penny for losing his nerve.

Robbing Chemical National Bank. Perhaps the most exciting episode stealing in the same manner as other in Lillis' adventurous career occurred men devote their time to law, to busi- in New York city in 1869. Greatly enness of to medicine. Stealing was my couraged by his success in Cincinprofession. It was misdirected ener- rati, he was urged by Joe Butts to go of time and energy to law or medi touches of his education from the

lawyer or physician. There is, how- Butts gave him a letter of introducever, one great difference between my tion to "Old Chauncey" Johnson, one profession and others. There can be of the most noted crooks of that day. no lasting success in it. I am abso- It did not take Johnson long to apjutely convinced of this fact, and for preciate Lillis' remarkable criminal that reason I have now dropped it. ability, and he introduced the youth to "No, I am not going to reform, I all of his associates. "Long John" eral daring "sneaks."

ast John" Walsh conceived the idea of ingenuity has not been able to keep robbing the Chemical National bank's pace with modern invention. We are messenger on the steps of the bank forced into other lines of work. Some as he was returning with his collecof the brightest of us have become tions. They took Lillis to Wall street promoters and swindlers. I have tried to get the lay of the land and size up before to drop my profession, but the job. It was their plan to have circumstances have been against me. him snatch the satchel with the money heart I believe in a God, so I have fering. Lillis looked over the ground the "getaway," so he spent several days in Central park training to sprint. The history of this remarkable He was able to make 100 yards in man, who is now in New York, earn- about eleven seconds flat, but his ing an honest living, is a record of speed for 300 yards did not satisfy a series of astounding crimes and ter- "Long John" Walsh, so they decided "sneak." They found a promising youth in the person of "Kid" Meany, Lillis was born in County Clare, one of the fastest sprinters in the freland, in 1855. His parents moved country, and on July 14, 1869, the four went to the stens of the Chemical Na-

Lillis' Iron Nerve.

Lillis was to bend over and tie his cation from hackmen and from oth- stolen and thus block the messenger lars every week during war times. Walsh were to block any others who one day in 1807 a well dressed strang- was a policeman on the corner a few papers from under his arm, placed a street was so crowded that it seemed be successful, still they took their sta-"Boy," said the stranger, "if you tions to await the messenger. In due will work for me I'll give you \$5 a time he arrived and started up the small flight of steps to the bank. The "You will?" cried the lad, trembling critical moment had arrived, but with excitement. "Five dollars a day "Kid" Meany, who was to make the "snatch," did not move. He stood on the steps white as a sheet and shaking like a leaf. His courage had failed him at the critical moment.

Lillie saw instantly that Meany had otorious bank thief. He had planned "flunked." Although his pals had adto rob the safe in the office of the vised him not to attempt the sneak. Phenix Brewing company, and he as he could not hope to make the dash needed a small boy to take the money to safety quickly enough, Lillis from the safe while he "newspa- snatched the satchel from the hand of

then 12 years old, was just the boy speed down Wall street to Williams were used for skids on which to slide street, where he disappeared in the lown the rails. A few days after the meeting the crowd. The bank messenger was too

The satchel contained \$14,000 and was divided between "Old Chauncey" "I am not a thief, although I have bing banks and bank messengers in Johnson, "Long Tom" Walsh and Lilstolen thousands of dollars. A thief broad daylight, and in crooks' par- lis. "Kid" Meany was cut off with-Joined "Combination Mob."

This bold piece of work made Lillis famous in the underworld and he was asked to join the "Combination Mob," a band of clever criminals who were preparing to leave for London to rob the Bank of England. The in-Had I devoted the same amount to New York to receive the finishing vitation was accepted and Lillis became an associate of "Little Joe" Reilly, the forger who got \$69,000 from the Union Trust company in New York; "Rat" Reilly, the pickpocket; Joe Butts, the bank sneak and former friend from Cincinnati, and Sophie Lyens, the notorious woman thief. When they arrived in London they were joined by Eddie Guerin, who was later sent to Devil's island for robbing the Bank of France, and Billy Porter, the English thief "Old Chauncey" Johnson and "Long who robbed the duchess of Sutherland of a \$50,000 diamond necklace. But they found the bank too well protected, so they gave up the job and went to Paris, where several months of work netted them about \$40,000

> Lillis lost his at Monte Carlo, went to England, was caught robbing a bank messenger and spent two years

in Clerkenwell prison.

Beginning of the End.

ville for robbing a patron of the Seel-Tenn., where, with "Sheeney" Harris befitting American citizens. and "Sneaky" Jim, he robbed Jessup's jewelry store. His pals got rible misfortunes, and from it only to get some one else to make the away, but he stayed in town the day after the robbery and was arrested. He had previously "felt out the job" and the clerk in the jewelry store identified him as the man who had made several purchases during the week preceding the robbery. He fought his case hard and carried it to the supreme court of the state, his pals having sent him money, but it was no use. He was sentenced to 15 years in the Nashville state prison. He served 11 years and 6 months, the remainder of his sentence being commuted for good behavior. He was released from there a few weeks ago. and he went to New York determined to start anew before it was too late

to lead an honest life. For two days he went without food being unable to secure employment. Then, in desperation, he entered a New York hotel, determined to steal enough money to get something to eat. He was on the point of entering one of the rooms when he conquered his desires and left the hotel. He met a friend who gave him temporary assistance and last week he secured employment.

He says his criminal career is ended

Rather check your appetite than get in debt, and though penniless be papered," or occupied the attention of the messenger, cleared the flight of tient.-Chinese,

> corded where a cart driven over a that ribs and other remains of ships. wet shore has rapidly disappeared be- long lost and forgotten, sometimes reappear for a time above the surface Since the advent of steam, it is happily a rare occurrence for a vessel to be lost upon a sandbank."

> > On the "Cupid Special." Running a "Cupid special" is the occupation of a Richmond (Va.) woman Twice a year she finds enough young persons ready to wed to warrant the hiring of a special train to run between that city and Washington Many Richmond folk like to be married in the shadow of the capitol's dome, so the train runs every spring and fall. Only persons desirous of getting married in Washington are permitted to ride in the train; hence the nickname.

> > > Heredity.

"Give me a kiss!" pleads the suitor of the lovely daughter of the eminent "I will," she replies thoughtfully, "on

condition that you raise three more

STUDY IN CONTRASTS THE PRICE OF

WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO MAIMED BRAKEMEN.

One Takes Cash and Squanders It Through Dissipation-Other Takes Job and Becomes Prosperous and Model Citizen.

Milwaukee, Wis.-Twenty years ago John Anneson, a brakeman on a Wisconsin railroad, met with an accident near Waukesha, in which his right arm was severed just above the elbow. Having been a trusted employee for several years, the officers in authority took immediate action and proposed paying Anneson \$3,000 in cash, or giving him an easy job for life.

Being a married man, Anneson naturally thought of wife and three little ones, not overlooking a desire to start in the saloon business. Two thousand dollars he estimated would start him off in fine shape, leaving \$1,000 to 'speculate with on the side."

Today, Anneson, owing to dissipaion, does not own enough property to be considered worth classifying by the

In marked contrast with Anneson is James Malone, an old-time brakeman on a Connecticut road. Nineteen years ago, while his train was awaiting or-Britain, Malone became interested in watching a gang of laborers unload steel rails from a flat car nearby. Readers to move to Canada, where the virsoning with the men that he could show them how to save time and la- grain with less labor than can be probor, Malone was finally invited to duced in our own farms in the Northpressed it. "Two of these steels rails land values in Canada." This paper

In making a practical demonstration robbery was pulled off. Lillis made a astonished to go in pursuit, and al. of his method, Malone, with the assist- of the fact that land values in the "getaway" with \$9,000, of which his though he cried for help, Lillis was ance of five laborers, three at each United States are increasing the reahe will always have to face he can employer, the generous "Joe" Butts, out of sight before any one was after end, carrying the first rail from the The "sneak" could not have car, missed his footing and stumbled. ing his past. But I wouldn't give the a fortune to the lad, and then and been more successfully carried out permitting the rail to fall, pinioning lands is partly accounted from the average crook much for his chance there he resolved to be a crook. He, had it been planned for Lillis to his right arm on the iron skid beneath.

After a two months' layoff, with his arm severed at the elbow joint, the railroad company offered Malone \$2,000 in cash or a life job at some light employment, neither of which propositions were obligatory on the



company's part, as the injured man in this case did not meet with the accident in his regular line of duty.

Malone was also a married man. naving a wife and two small children expensive, but we both think there is depending upon him for support. The \$2,000 cash proposition looked pretty good at first thought, but after talk ing the matter over with his wife, the life job was accepted. As a result of Then bad luck overtook him at their forethought, even though deevery step. He was arrested in Louis- prived of his right arm, Malone now owns a nice little home free of inbach hotel and was sentenced to one cumbrance and is educating his three year's imprisonment at Frankfort. On children, one having been born to his release he went to Nashville, them after the accident, in a manner

TO BUILD AERIAL FIGHTERS

Maxim, the Famous Gun Maker, to Work With Claude Grahame White, and Possibly Blerlot.

London.-Sir Hiram Maxim, who has just resigned from the directorate of Vickers Sons & Maxim, proposes henceforth to devote his energies to the development of military aeroplanes, which, he says, all governments will need during the next few

Sir Hiram is to collaborate with Claude Grahame White in the producion of an aeroplane which he be lieves will answer all the requirements of the British war office. Bleriot, the French manufacturer of aeroplanes, may become associated with Sir Hiram and Grahame White and a new company will ultimately be formed to manufacture military aero-

The armament of the machines will be left to Maxim, who is now turning his attention to the production of an serial shell which can safely be handled and will be immune from explosion in the event of an accident to the aeroplane, but which can be exploded when dropped in the midst of an enemy.

CALL IT A "HAPPINESS TAX"

Residents of Berlin Object to Assess ment on Amusements-Authorities Are Firm.

Berlin .- What is described as a tax on happiness is a novel feature of legislation that is arousing the ire of citizens of Berlin. To increase the city's revenues the authorities have formulated a measure levying a speial direct tax on all forms of entertainment, except those for the benefit of schools and charities. Any one selling a ticket to a theatrical performance, circus or dance will have to pay a tax ranging from 10 to 25 per cent. of the cost of the ticket.

Even the cheap moving picture shows that charge eight cents are assessed 14 cents for every visitor. The amusement loving Berliners are

raising a wrathful protest against what then declare to be an unjust tax on simple and harmless pleasures. The authorities are firm in their purpose, and insist on putting the measire through. It is estimated the tax will bring in a revenue of \$250,000

LAND INCREASING

THE "BACK TO THE LAND" CRY IS EFFECTIVE.

Traveling through the state of Iowa the other day, and Iowa is no exception to the story about to be related, the writer was shown a farm that was offered three years ago for \$250 an acre. That appeared to be a high figure for land upon which the owner depended upon the crops of corn, hogs and cattle that could be raised upon it. But it wasn't. A few weeks since the farm changed hands at \$325 an acre. Over in Illinois, down in Indiana, up in Wisconsin, across the line in Minnesota, the same experience was met with. And then attention is directed to Canada, which has been the Mecca of so many hundred thousand Americans during the past few years. Not only in Eastern Canada has the price of lands increased. but in Western Canada, during the past few weeks, farm lands have increased from three to five dollars an acre, with the prospect of a similar advance during the next three months. The reason for this is very apparent. and in a few words it may be pointed out that the lands are worth a great deal more than the present prices. The Northwestern Agriculturist of Minneapolis, a paper that was one of the first of the American farm papers to discover the real merits of the ders on a siding not far out of New lands of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, says: "The reciprocity schedule would encourage American farmgin soil will produce greater crops of come over and show us," as they ex- west. The result will be to enhance is afraid land values in Canada will be enhanced at the expense of land values in the United States. In face soning scarcely holds. The reason for fact, admitted by this paper, that Canada's virgin soil will produce "greater crops of grain with less labor." But that is not the only reason. During the past twelve months 320,000 people have made Canada their home and these are mostly of the farming class. They want farms, and the demand as well as the wealth of the soil is regulating the price. A study of the increase in the acreage of land put under crop last year, which can be had from any Canadian government repre-

Baby Teethes on the Table.

would have predicted.

sentative, will prove the point, that the demand is increasing at a greater

ratio than even the most sanguine

"We are called upon to repair all kinds of damages," a furniture dealer the other day said. "But the most puzzling defacement I ever saw was that which appeared on a beautiful mahogany table brought in for refinishing. All around its margin were rows of scratches and small indentations which were hard to explain, as the table was otherwise uninjured. "'What happened to it?' I asked

when the owner came in. "'Well, she replied, 'the baby insisted on cutting his teeth around the edge of it. Of course, it was rather nothing too good for the baby."

Symptoms Were There.

"Your husband might have a little solid food directly he begins to mend," said the doctor. "But how am I to tell?" inquired the anxious wife. "The convalescent stages of influenza," replied the doctor, "are marked

by a slight irritability." The next day he called and found the patient's wife radiant. "When I refused to order his steak and onions," she explained, "he came into the kitchen and smashed fourteen soup plates and a dinner service; so. of course, I sent out for steak at once."-Stray Stories.

In Demand.

Rodrick-That foreign nobleman is reading the stock market and I notice his eye lingers on "A. G. Preferred." What does "A. G.." Stand for. Van Albert - Associated Gas, I

Roderick-H'm! I thought perhaps it meant "American Girl Preferred."

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Triumph of Courage. Courage and the "power of the human eye," saved Walter Sargent, a prosperous rancher, in the Redwood district, San Jose, when he was confronted by a hungry mountain lion the other evening. Sargent was driving a herd of cows to his home in the foothills when he noticed the big cat stalking him. As it crouched for a spring Sargent turned and fixed the

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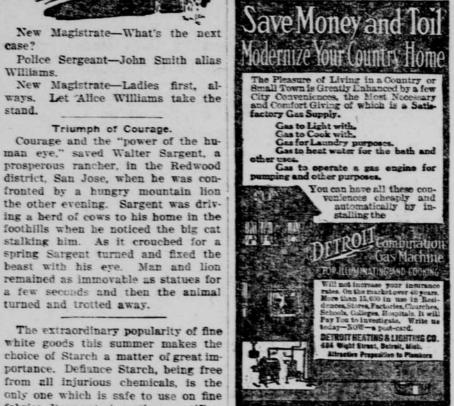
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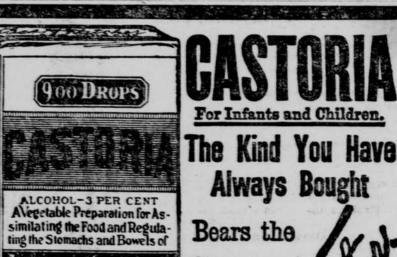
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