

## TRACKS EVIL DOERS

WOMAN DETECTIVE FEARLESS IN HER WORK.

Ethel King Responsible for the Breaking Up of Many Gangs of Criminals—Able to Take Care of Herself.

Should you meet a good-looking sailor boy, with a complexion something too good for one who follows the sea, take a second look at him. It may be Ethel King, the woman detective of Philadelphia, in one of her many disguises.

Take a searching glance at the messenger boy who runs, with head down, to deliver a missive. It is possible that the female sleuth may be hiding her identity within the blue suit.

Look around you in opium-scented Chinatown. The dapper woman who trips past the lookout at the gambling joint, with a side glance at the closed door, may be pretty Ethel King in the costume of her sex, but sent on a mission that is very unusual to a woman.

At home Miss King lives a quiet and secluded life. Few of her associates in the boarding-house at which she has her room know what a distinguished personage is the dark-eyed girl who is so frequently away on mysterious trips.

Absolutely without fear Miss King has accepted any dangerous work that has come to her in the line of duty. She has donned the uniform of a United States sailor and haunted the docks and navy yard vicinity in search for information regarding sailor criminals.

Being a small woman and looking rather diminutive in boys' clothes Miss King had no difficulty in assuming the character of a district messenger Mercury. She readily assumed the jargon of the corps, as well as the uniform of the messenger boy, and did valuable work in breaking up a series of pilferings and clever swindles that the youngsters had carried on for years at the expense of the company and its customers.

She learned that the boys were in the habit of meeting in the street and exchanging caps, so that should a complaint be made of money collected on prepaid messages, or of cash missing from envelopes entrusted to the boys for delivery, it would be easy to establish an alibi. Miss King astounded the management of the company by her revelations concerning the tricks of the messenger boys and enabled the regular sleuths of the concern to checkmate the systematic stealings and guard against a repetition of them.

As a scullery girl Miss King assisted in the arrest of a notorious woman thief who had been in the habit of hiring out as a domestic for the purpose of allowing her criminal friends to enter and rob the house at night. The woman sleuth washed dishes and watched the other woman, and when the critical time came, and the house was raided in the dead of night, the would-be thieves were caught in a trap.

Miss King has assisted in the suppression of the opium traffic and of the gambling dens of Chinatown. She has made friends with the yellow man and in due time betrayed him to the police. She has been threatened time and again, but has not so far been attacked. Threats she ignores, and any one who has talked with her for a time is impressed with the idea that in a tight corner she could well take care of herself, for, as she says: "A woman is as good as a man in a gun fight, and I am always ready."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**An Amusement Lover.**  
A Binghamton girl at a dance fell through a fourth-story window and landed on the first floor. She said she was unhurt and hurried back. Anything for a dance!

**Senator Pettus' Library.**  
The late Senator Pettus of Alabama was a "Forty-niner," going overland to California in the early days and engaging in placer mining. He took with him on that long and tedious journey three books, the Bible, Shakespeare and Burns' poems.

He said of them at one time no longer since: "I read the Bible from cover to cover; I read the side notes; I read the captions of the chapters; I learned great parts of it by heart, and I haven't forgotten them yet. I learned many of Burns' poems by heart and much of Shakespeare in the same way, too." Such reading of these three books was an education in itself. It is not likely that many miners engaged in that search for wealth spent their leisure in as profitable a way.

**Poured Beer into Gutter.**  
The gutters of Rio de Janeiro ran with beer for several days recently. The municipal laboratory, having discovered that practically every beer in the local market contained a dangerous amount of sulphuric acid, the authorities proceeded to destroy all stocks on hand.

**Evil of Tipping System.**  
Although there is a great effort made to keep secret the thefts in hotels and restaurants in New York, it is quite evident they are on a rapid increase. The manager of a large restaurant says the system of having servants depend almost entirely upon patrons for their pay lowers their moral standard and causes them to look on those they are supposed to serve as their legitimate prey.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any new wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

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**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.**  
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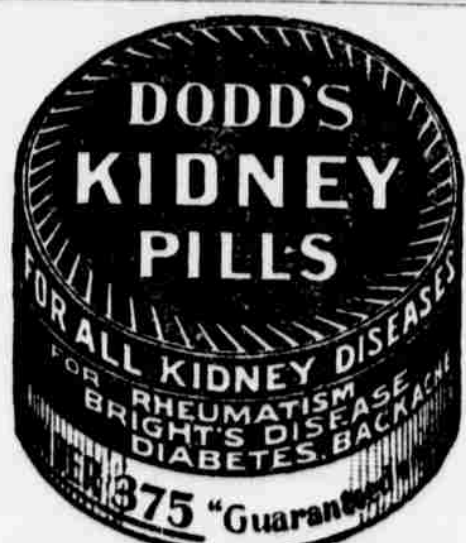
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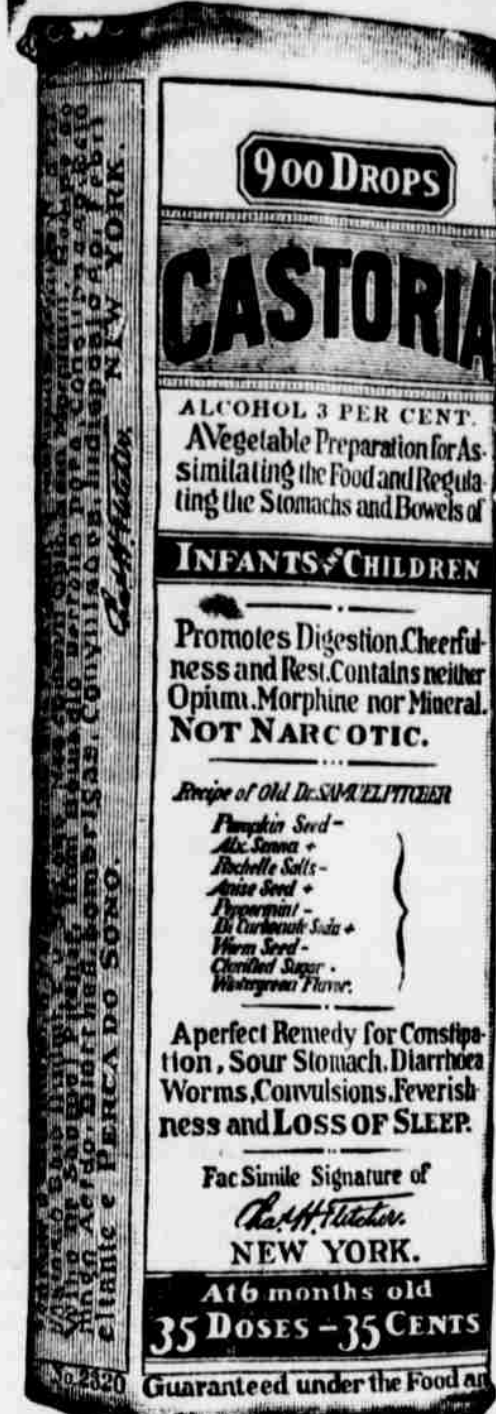
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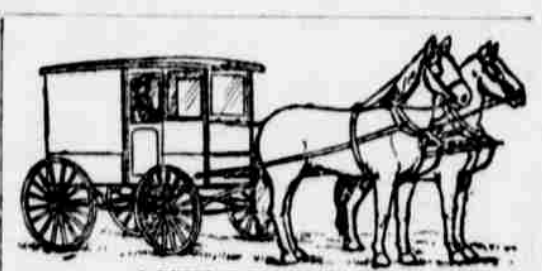
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