

A DETECTIVE CRACKSMAN

No one would suspect Lieutenant James Larkin of the Chicago detective bureau of having once been a safe blower. He does not look the part. He played the role of cracksmen on one occasion, nevertheless, and if you pin him down to it he'll admit that he can do as neat a job on a "box" as any "pete man" in the business.

The lieutenant, who has the reputation of knowing more safe robbers than any other thief catcher in the United States, received a telegram one day in July, 1903, from the president of an express company asking him to go to Philadelphia, where a test was to be made of a "burglar-proof" safe. A few weeks before that the express company had installed a safe on one of its cars running out of Chicago, which the manufacturers declared was practically burglar-proof. An order for several hundred of the safes was about to be placed with the manufacturers, when the one that was made as a sample was blown by train robbers near Davenport, Ia. This, of course, canceled negotiations toward the letting of the contract, but the safe manufacturers pleaded for time in which to make another strong box that would withstand the assault of all the burglars in the land.

The express company was as anxious to get a burglar-proof safe as were the manufacturers to make one, so the officials agreed to equip all the company's cars with new safes if they proved to be impervious to train robbers. A four-ton safe was built for the experiment, and, as hundreds of thousands of dollars depended upon its being able to withstand the attack of cracksmen, expense was not spared in its manufacture.

At last it was completed, and the manufacturers notified the express company officials that they had succeeded in making a safe that all but could not open unless the combination was known. The president of the express company, who, by the way was a United States senator, began to look around for a handy man who understood the gentle art of cracking a safe.

He asked a few senators and some congressmen if they knew anything about the business, and one or two of them became indignant. Failing to get any information on the subject at Washington, he wrote to "Billy" Pinkerton, explaining what he wanted. The noted detective answered the senator's letter, recommending Lieutenant Larkin as "the very man for the job." A day or two later Lieutenant Larkin received a telegram from the president of the express company urging him to start East at once. The message advised him to "see William Pinkerton and he will explain."

Packing his "kit," or his satchel, rather, the lieutenant caught a train that night and was in Philadelphia 24 hours later. The safe was waiting for him; so was the manufacturer and the officials of the express company. The lieutenant examined the strong box with the eye of an expert in such matters. It was made of 12 thicknesses of steel.

"Any tools you want, lieutenant," said the president of the express company, "you can buy and have the bill sent to me."

"I don't need any tools," said Larkin scornfully. "All I want is a couple of old gunnysacks and some 'dy'."

"Some 'dy'?" queried the president. "What do you want of 'dy'?"

"I guess you don't understand me," said Larkin. "'Dy' is what the 'pete men' call dynamite. Nitro-glycerin is 'soup.' I'm going to use 'dy,' as I like it better than 'soup,' and it isn't so dangerous to handle."

"Oh, I see," remarked the president, winking at the other officials. "You're going to use 'dy' as you prefer it to 'soup.' Every man has his likes and dislikes."

The safe was loaded on a truck and taken to Washington Park, a pleasure resort a few miles outside Philadelphia on the Delaware river. On reaching the park the lieutenant took off his coat and vest, it being an extremely hot day, and he then consulted a little book entitled "Safe Blowing Made Easy," of which he is the author.

"I had 50 pounds of 'dy' with me," said the lieutenant in telling the story at detective headquarters the other day, "as I thought best to have enough in case the first attempt was a 'flake.' Taking 15 of the sticks of 'dy,' I laid them on top of the safe and then fixed my fulminating cap, attached to an electric wire, which I ran for a distance of from here across the street. After this I filled the two gunnysacks with sand—dug it right there in the park—and laid them on top of the 'dy.' Then I says to the bunch: 'Now, get back to the tall grass and don't come up till you see me at the safe again.'"

"When everything was ready I goes to the end of the wire and pushes the button. There was a tremendous explosion that shook the earth, and that 'box,' which the manufacturer said was burglar-proof, turned inside out. It was the prettiest job of safe-blowing I ever saw. There isn't any of them that you can't blow if you only know how. I used to know, but I forgot."

Arithmetical History.
A teacher was instructing a class of young pupils in history, says a writer in the Philadelphia Bulletin. She asked one of them how many wars England fought with Spain.

"Six," the little girl answered.

"Six," repeated the teacher. "Enumerate them, please."

"One, two, three, four, five, six," said the little girl, cheerfully and confidently.

ADVICE TO RHEUMATICS

Noted Physician Tells How to Prevent and Cure Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

(By Geo. Edmund Flood, M. D.)

If you would avoid Rheumatism and Kidney and Bladder Troubles, be moderate in the consumption of heavy, rich foods, substitute as far as possible soups, broths, fresh milk and drink water—lots of water. Take plenty of time to eat, and don't eat after you have had enough, even if it does taste good. If your work is confining take a moderate amount of exercise each day in the open air.

Of course, neither diet, water, rest nor exercise will cure these afflictions. I advise them as preventives only. For the benefit of the readers of this article who are now afflicted with Rheumatism, Kidney, Bladder or Urinary trouble, and desire to be cured quickly, I give below, complete in every detail, the famous prescription which has made me so successful in the treatment of these diseases. It is the most certain cure for these diseases that I have ever used. It is pleasant to take, it is not expensive, it can be filled by any druggist, and I believe it is the greatest prescription for Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder Trouble ever written. It is also a valuable spring tonic and blood purifier. If you are a sufferer, save this, take it to your druggist and have it filled, or get the ingredients and mix them at home.

Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic, 1/2 ounce.

Concentrated Barkola Compound, 1 ounce.

Fluid Extract Prickly Ash Bark, 1/2 drachm.

Aromatic Elixir, 4 ounces.

Adult dose, take one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime; children, one-fourth to one-half teaspoonful after meals.

After you are cured follow the advice I have given you in regard to diet, exercise and water, and you will not need the services of a physician again for these ailments.

Other papers are privileged to copy.

GONE FOREVER.

Ten years ago a farmer put his initials on a dollar bill. The next day he went to the nearest town and spent it with a merchant. Before the year was out he got the dollar back. Four times in six years the dollar came back to him for produce and three times he heard of it in the pocket of his neighbors.

The last time he got it back four years ago. He sent it to a mail order house. He never has seen that dollar since, and never will. That dollar bill will never pay any more school or road tax for him, will never build or brighten any of the homes of the community. He sent it entirely out of the circle of usefulness to himself and his neighbors.

Patronize your local merchant who helps you to pay your taxes, support your schools and churches, and lends a helping hand in times of sickness and trouble.

Out of His Line.

A man living in the country far from any physician was taken suddenly ill. His family, in great alarm, not knowing what to do, sent for a neighbor, who had a reputation for doctoring cows.

"Can't you give father something to help him?" asked one of the sons.

"Wa-al, I don't know nothin' about doctorin' people."

"You know more than we do, for you can doctor cows. Now what do you give them when they are sick?"

"Wa-al, I allers give Epsom salts. You might try it on him."

"How much shall we give him?" inquired the son.

"Wa-al, I give cows just a pound. Your father is a quarter as big as a cow—give him a quarter of a pound."

APPENDICITIS.

Not at All Necessary to Operate in Many Cases.

Automobiles and Appendicitis scare some people before they are hit. Appendicitis is often caused by too much starch in the bowels. Starch is hard to digest and clogs up the digestive machinery—also tends to form cakes in the cecum. (That's the blind pouch at entrance to the appendix.)

A N. H. girl had appendicitis, but lived on milk for awhile—then Grape-Nuts and got well without an operation.

She says: "Five years ago while at school, I suffered terribly with constipation and indigestion." (Too much starch, white bread, potatoes, etc., which she did not digest.)

"Soon after I left school I had an attack of appendicitis and for thirteen weeks lived on milk and water. When I recovered enough to eat solid food there was nothing that would agree with me, until a friend recommended Grape-Nuts.

"When I began to eat Grape-Nuts I weighed 98 lbs., but I soon grew to 115 lbs. The distress after eating left me entirely and now I am like a new person."

(A little Grape-Nuts dissolved in hot water or milk would have been much better for this case than milk alone, for the starch part of the wheat and barley is changed into a form of digestible sugar in making Grape-Nuts.) Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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Mrs. J. D. Johnson, of 603 West Hickman St., Columbia, Mo., says:

"Following an operation two years ago, dropsy set in, and my left side was so swollen the doctor said he would have to tap out the water.

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HOW CLASSIC WAS WRITTEN.

Bret Harte's Great Poem Result of an Inspiration.

The war correspondent, Frederic Villiers, has recorded a talk with Bret Harte apropos of the poem, "Dickens in Camp." "We all felt his loss most keenly in the States," said Harte:

"On hearing of his death (I) sat down about three in the afternoon to write an editorial on the great author. I wrote one and then tore it up. Then another, after much pains, was written. This did not please me, so I tore it up. I wrote yet another and threw it into the waste paper basket; it would not do. It was getting late, and I was now keeping the paper waiting for press. I was drumming on my desk, absolutely without another thought in my head; I had run dry. Suddenly I mechanically began to write and the result was the thing you seem to like so much. Well, Mr. Villiers, you are not far out. I like it, too."

BLOOD GETS SOUR.

Gives Advice and Tells of Simple Home Mixture.

At this time of year, says a well-known authority, the kidneys become weak, clogged and inactive, failing to filter out the poisons and acids, which sour the blood, causing not only facial and bodily eruptions, but the worst forms of Rheumatism, Nervous and Stomach troubles, Backache and painful, annoying Urinary afflictions.

It is worth anyone's time now to get from some good prescription pharmacy the following ingredients: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after your meals and at bedtime.

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HENS KNEW THEIR BUSINESS.

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"Are your eggs always fresh?" asked the woman.

"Fresh!" repeated the German, in an indignant tone. "Let me dell you madam, dot my hens never, never lay anything but fresh eggs!"

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