

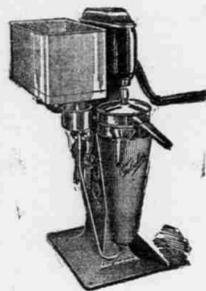
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### GREAT RECORD.

Burlington Carried 20,000,000 People In One Year Without Killing One of Them.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 20.—The most remarkable record ever recorded has just been achieved by the Burlington railroad, for the year ending June 30, 1909, in that during the twelve months not one person was fatally injured on any of the Burlington lines. During that time the road carried, approximately, 20,000,000 persons.

All the more remarkable is the fact that the Burlington's record show that the fast train from Denver to Chicago showed a perfect score by being on time at its terminals on every trip.

Even had one person been killed, however, the chances against fatal injury would have been one billion to one, for during the year the Burlington carried 1,016,454,000 passengers the distance of one mile. Burlington trains during that year traveled a distance of 15,000,000 miles.

The Burlington's record is similar to one shown by the Pennsylvania system for 1908.

### Small Damage By Fire.

Last Thursday evening the depot came near burning up, caused by a lamp exploding on the operator's table. Mrs. L. C. Mahoney discovered the fire as she went to the depot to take No. 15 for Denver. An extra operator was assisting and he was asleep outside the depot. The damage was slight, being but a slight loss of way bills.—Culbertson Banner.

### Engine 2985 is receiving drop-pit repairs, this week.

The company's electric light plant is awaiting further orders.

Ira E. Converse received a conductor's equipment, last Thursday.

Roswell Cutler visited friends at McCook headquarters over Sunday.

Repairs were placed on the stream dome and dry pipes of the 1015, this week.

Engineer and Mrs. J. C. Marshall left, Wednesday, for Denver and the mountains, to be absent a week or two on vacation.

C. S. McElherron, formerly of this city, was conductor of the freight train, which recently collided near Colorado Springs with a passenger train, in which accident several people lost their lives. He was injured and taken to the hospital in Colorado Springs. The entire freight train has been indicted and arrested for manslaughter in connection with the terrible accident, which is said to be chargeable to an oversight on the part of the freight crew in their orders to meet the passenger train.

## DETECTIVE STORIES.

### Little Things as Aids In Solving Problems In Crime.

### THE VALUE OF SMALL CLEWS

"In All My Experience," Says Police Sergeant Cuff, One of Wilkie Collins' Creations, "I Have Never Yet Met Such a Thing as a Trifle."

If you ask some London publishers they will tell you that no book sells so well as a detective story and that people still find a fascination in the achievements of Edgar Allan Poe's Dupin, Gaboriau's Lecoq and Tabaret and the redoubtable Sergeant Cuff of Wilkie Collins.

These men were the forerunners of Sherlock Holmes, and their feats of criminal tracking were as remarkable as those achieved by the famous character created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Perhaps the least known is Cuff, who figures in "The Moonstone."

Cuff looked for clues in trifles. Investigating a smear on a newly painted door, he was told by the superintendent who had the case in hand that it was made by the petticoats of the women servants. The superintendent said petticoats were trifles.

"In all my experience along the dirtiest ways of this dirty little world," replied Cuff, "I have never met such a thing as a trifle yet. We must see the petticoat that made the smear, and we must know for certain that the paint was wet."

Lecoq, the beau ideal of the French detective, was wont to explain his deductions to assistants, just as Sherlock Holmes did to his friend Watson. In the story of "File No. 113" a safe has been robbed. There is a scratch on the door of the safe which seems to have been made by the key slipping from the lock. But Lecoq explained that the paint was hard and that the scratch could not have been made by the trembling hand of the thief letting the key slip.

He therefore had an iron box made, painted with green varnish, like the safe. As Lecoq inserted the key he asked the assistant to endeavor to prevent him using the key just as he was about to insert it in the lock. The assistant did so, and the key held by Lecoq, pulled aside from the lock, slipped along the door and traced upon it a diagonal scratch from top to bottom, the exact reproduction of the one shown in a photograph of the safe. Thus it was proved that two persons were present at the robbery—one wished to take the money and the other to prevent its being taken.

In the play Sherlock Holmes, the detective, with the aid of an accomplice, raises an alarm of fire at the house of the Larrabees, during the excitement of which he is able to investigate the mystery of the purloined documents.

A somewhat similar incident occurs in Edgar Allan Poe's "The Purloined Letter," when Dupin, having obtained entrance to the house of a minister of the state who had purloined a letter of great importance from a lady, wished to take it from its hiding place—a card rack over the mantelpiece—and substitute a facsimile. While Dupin was talking to the minister there was a sudden report of a pistol beneath the window, followed by fearful screams and loud shouting. The minister rushed to the window, and while his attention was thus distracted Dupin took the real letter and substituted the false one which he had prepared. Needless to say, the diversion had been created by Dupin's assistants.

Although "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" somewhat overshadow the stories of other detectives which appeared in the Strand Magazine, one should not forget to mention Martin Hewitt, investigator, and Dick Donovan.

Both these detectives worked alone and were past masters in the art of solving robbery mysteries, murders and the crimes of secret societies.

And the value of noting trifles, particularly in detective work, is strikingly illustrated in "The Case of Mr. Foggatt." The latter had been murdered in his chamber, which was situated at the top of the building in which Hewitt had an office. Hewitt was the first one on the scene. The door was locked, and when he got inside the room he found Foggatt lying across the table, shot dead. There was a sheer drop of fifty feet outside the windows. How had the murderer got in, and how had he escaped?

On the sideboard were the freshly bitten remains of an apple. Hewitt noticed that it had been bitten by a person who had lost two teeth, one at the top and one below. He also saw that the dead man had an excellent set of false teeth, with none missing. He observed, too, that an active young man could, by standing on the window sill, draw himself on the roof and thus escape. Thus Hewitt comes to look for a tall, athletic looking young man with two teeth missing. He finds him, obtains by a ruse another apple which he has bitten, compares the two and ultimately obtains the startling story of the murder from the murderer himself after the coroner's jury had returned a verdict of "accidental death."—London Tit-Bits.

It is the little pleasures which make life sweet, as the little displeasures may do more than afflictions can to make it bitter.

Confide a secret to a dumb man and it will make him speak.—Livonian.

## FATAL CUPIDITY.

### A Tragic Case of Treasure Hunting In Egypt.

A certain Egyptian native discovered the entrance of a tomb in the floor of his stable and at once proceeded to worm his way down the tunnel. This was the end of the man. His wife, finding that he had not returned two hours or so later, went down the newly found tunnel after him. That was the end of her also. In turn three other members of the family went down into the darkness, and that was the end of them.

A native official was then called, and lighting his way with a candle, penetrated down the winding passage. The air was so foul that he was soon obliged to retreat, but he stated that he was just able to see in the distance ahead the bodies of the unfortunate peasants, all of whom had been overcome by what he quaintly described as "the evil fighting and bad climate." Various attempts at the rescue of the bodies having failed, we gave orders that this tomb should be regarded as their sepulcher and that its mouth should be sealed up.

According to the natives there was evidently a vast hoard of wealth stored at the bottom of this tomb, and the would-be robbers had met their death at the hands of the demon in charge of it, who had seized each man by the throat as he came down the tunnel and had strangled him.—A. E. P. Weigall in Putnam's.

### GRATITUDE OF THIEVES.

#### Their Longing For Association With Honest Men.

The thief in the community is very much like the boy whose meanness or ruffianism has caused the other little children to band together to ostracize him. He may move about with a sullen swagger, carry a chip on his shoulder and a vicious gleam in his eye, but there is always a sob in his throat. So the thief is longing and aching to get back in the circle out of which he has been ruled.

If any honest man wants to meet lively gratitude let him knowingly give the countenance of his company to a crook. It will be a favor never forgotten. Every lawyer practicing at the criminal bar knows this. One very well known practitioner of genius personally and large tolerance occasionally takes a client to dinner at a good restaurant or braves an appearance with him at a theater. There have been embarrassing results, due to the criminal's gratitude.

"After one of these evenings," the lawyer laughingly told me, "I'm kept for days dodging and returning presents sent by the crook—watches, scarf pins, cuff links, now and then a valuable painting or a Persian rug—all belonging to somebody else."—Everybody's Magazine.

### The Wolf In Disguise.

Once upon a time a wolf who was going after the farmer's chickens took the advice of a fox and disguised himself in sheep's clothing.

"For," said the fox, "if the dogs see you they will take you for a harmless lamb and let you pass."

When the disguised wolf was near the chicken house he heard the dogs bark and saw them running toward him at the top of their speed.

"I am a fool," said the wolf. "For now the dogs think I am a lamb and have no fear of me. I will change my mind, get out of this incumbering clothing and make a winning fight."

But before he could get the garment off the dogs were upon him and took his life.

Moral.—It is easier to change your mind than your clothing.—New York Herald.

### The Regimental Barber.

A major in an English regiment has a great contempt for incapacity of any kind and is somewhat impatient. A sergeant complained to him that he could get no man to undertake the duty of barber to the company.

"Is there no gardener in the company?" asked the major testily. "See if you can find one, and send him to me."

The man was duly sent, but on receiving orders to act as barber ventured to expostulate.

"Great guns!" cried the major. "If you can cut grass you can cut hair! Go and do it!"

### Very Red Tape.

A burglar entering a house by a ladder in a small Prussian town fell and broke his leg when making off with his booty. An inquiry into the accident revealed that, contrary to the bylaws of the town, the house owner's ladder was not provided with strong iron spikes at its base. The house owner was therefore ordered to pay all the hospital costs and further to give the burglar a substantial sum.—London Standard.

### Broad Minded.

"So your husband is in the pageant, Mrs. Jones. I didn't know he belonged to the Church of England."

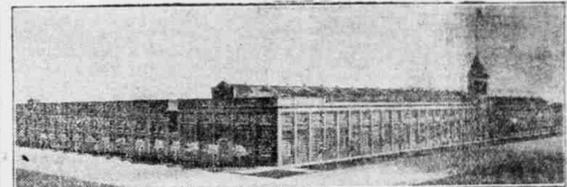
"No, mum, he don't. But there, he's very broad minded, and he don't mind being an ancient bishop in the cause of charity."—Punch.

### An Opportunity For Him.

Mose Foreace (ardently)—Tell me, Miss Angle, may I contribute to yo'r future happiness? Miss Angle—Well, Mr. Foreace, as I accepted Abe Ginterbread last ebenin' dere is weddin' presents to be thought ob, to be shuah.—Judge.

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he give himself for a principle.—Lowell.

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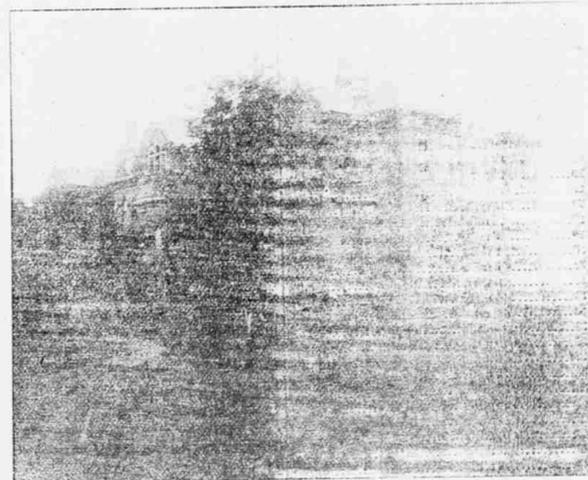
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