THE FOUNTAINS IN COURT.

The Adventuress Talks of Her Ring and

the Baby. CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES.

The Board of Trade Meeting-The Donivan Case-An Italian Robbery - Court Notes and Other Local Matters.

Mrs. Fountain's Trial.

The case of Mrs. Laura G. Fountain was called in the court of Justice Helsley last night at half past seven o'clock. It will be remembered that the lady was charged with carrying out of the state mortgaged property, namely a \$350 diamond ring which she had procured at the store of Edholm & Erickson.

The fair defendent was on hand with her husband and sat in a secluded corner of the room. Her plump, well-rounded form was clad in a plain traveling dress, which was nearly covered by a heavy suitant or cape. She wore a dark veil, which she did not lift until at the conclusion of the session, when she whispered a few hurried words into the ear of one of her attorneys.

Messrs. Thurston & Bartlett represented Mrs. Fountain, white the state was represented by Judge Lake and W S. Felker. The court room was crowded with spectators.

The first witness examined was W. J. Edholm, of the firm of Edholm & Erickson, who had sold the ring to Mrs. Fountain. He testified that Mrs. Fountain had some time in June, about the 13th or 14thcome into the store and purchased the ring for \$350, making a small payment down, and giving a chattel mortgage for the balance. After a day or two she came back, and in an angry way threw the ring on the counter and said

SHE DIDN'T WANT IT.

Her husband, she said, objected to her giving a mortgage for the ring. She said furthermore, witness testified, that he objected to her wearing it. She did not say that she had purchased it as a present for her husband. The witness then went on to say that Mrs. Fountain had left the ring, but returned again after a while -he could not say how long-and said that she would like to get the ring for a while to wear to Spirit Lake. She would return in a few days and settle up everything satisfactorily. Witness agreed to let her have the ring on those terms, executed no mortgage, and only made a memorandum of the event in a book kept purposely for such things. Several months after Mrs. F. returned from Spirit Lake, and on or about November 14, 1885, a second mortgage was executed and signed by Mrs. Fountain, who gave a series of notes, payable at \$25 monthly, AND TOOK THE RING.

The books of the tirm were produced, but failed to throw much light upon the transaction, Indeed, the tended rather to cenfuse it. Witness testified to having loaned Mrs. Fountain \$500 at one time, having taken security, therefore, a mortgage on all her household goods and furniture. She had repaid the amount. The night before Mrs. F. had left for St. Paul witness sent a man to her house to get the ring. She refused to give it up, saying that she did not intend to leave the city. Up to that time, Mr. Edholm testified, he the train watche FEAR MIS. FOUNTAIN WOULD SKIP.

As soon as she said she did not jutend to leave Omaha be did not have any one stationed at the depot. The next morning she left town. How do you know she took the ring

with her?" asked Mr. Bartlett. Because she told me so herself."

"When?"
"A few days ago." Where?

"At the transfer. When she was coming back with the constable from St.

You were over there?" "Yes."
"What did you go over for?"

The witness hesitated and blushed

'Did you go over on business?'' asded Mr. Bartlett.

"Yes," replied the witness, "I did."
"Didn't you say that you went over to
compromise the affair?"
"No, I didn't. I did not say a word to her about money when I met her in the

room at the Transfer hotel in the Bluffs, I don't remember all that was said. I know that, for one thing, we TALKED ABOUT THE BABY that was found on her doorsteps. said she didn't want me to say anything about it, because she didn't want people

here to know that it wasn't her own. She showed me its picture. It seemed to be a real nice baby. At this juncture a titter ran through the court room. Judge Thurston adjusted his gold-rimmed spectacles thoughtfully. Mr. Fountain looked confused, and his

spouse blushed and giggled. Several witnesses—men employed in Edholm's store—were examined, but threw no further light on the case.

Constable Edgerton testified to having arrested her in St. Paul and brought her

to Omaha. On the way down she talked considerably about the ring. She said that she took it out of the state by advice

of her attorney.

Mr. Fountain was the first witness for the defense. He appeared to be rather nervous. At first he talked in a low and almost inaudible voice. Later on he gathered confidence and spoke so that he could be heard all over the court room. He said that on the 14th of June he was presented with the ring by his wife as a birthday present. She did not say anything at the time about its being mortgaged, but he discovered afterwards from a paper that such was the case. He immediately told her to re-turn it, which she did. Subsequently, she got the ring again, and he had worn it since. It was

and could be worn either as a stud or on the hand. He learned afterwards that a second mortgage had been given by his wife, which mortgage was illegal because she had been coerced into giving it, by threats on the part of Mr. Edholm. In January, 1886, Mr. Fountain testified, he went to Washington, leaving the ring with his attorney. Came back in a few days and when going away with his days, and, when going away with his wife in January, took the ring with him. Went from Omaha to New York." What did you do with the ring?

asked the attorney for the prosecution. "Do I have to telly" asked Fountain. turning to the judge. Upon being assured that he did, the witness replied: "I sold it."

"I got \$150 for it."

"No, partly in money and partly in another ring which I have since worn."
"Did your wife know that you were going dispose of it?"
"No, sir, she did not."
Alr. Fountain made a bad break in saying that his wife had come to Omaha about three weeks ago. He was sure of it, he said, because he had received telegrams from her while at this point. Afterwards he hastily corrected himself and said that his wife had only come as far as Council Bluffs.
The case was then adjourned until to-

morrow evening when Mrs. Fountain will testify. The defense is that Mrs. Fountain gave the second mortgage on the ring when it did not belong to her but to her husband, and furthermore that the ring was taken out of the state, not by her but by her husband.

CHARITY AND REFORM. The Object of the National Conference

to Be Held Here Next Year. Last night in response to the call of the BEE there was a gathering of ladies and gentlemen in the parlor of the Paxton, to meet H. H. Giles, of Madison, Wis., president of the national board of charities and reform, and Andrew E. Elmore, of Ft. Howard, Wis., president of the state board of charities and reform of Wisconsin. Among those present were Senator Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stebbins, Prof. Gillespie, of the state institute for the deaf and dumb; General and Mrs. Crook, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Groff, Mrs. James H. Woolworth, Miss Duncan and several other ladies and gentlemen.

After an informal introduction to the gentlemen from abroad, the ladies and gentle men were addressed by Mr. Giles. He gave a short and accurate account of the origin and progress of the national board of charties and reform. The first gathering of a representative character had been held in Chicago, with representatives from three states only present. From that small beginning it had grown to be national, comprising the state Massachusetts, in which the first state board was organized: Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Wisconsin and Min-

The aim of the board was to deal with and ameliorate the condition of the in-mates of all charitable and corrective institutions, and at the same time to contribute to a more beneficial and satisfactory conduct of the institutions in which they are confined. It could easily, therefore, be seen that the acts of the applied to individuals who are defective in mental powers, dependent and vicious. The cost of maintaining all these institutions, could not be accurately estimated but it is certainly ran up into the hun-

dred millions.

Their object in coming here was to speak to the people of Omaha in general about the scope of the board and at the same time to have a certain mutual derstanding between themselves and the citizens of Omaha, as to what should be done to advance the interests of the board and especially insure the success of the next national conference which is to be held in this city sometime next year. They wanted to have 600 people in attentendance upon that conference. They had never had less than 500 and they hoped Oms a would do as well as St. Paul did last summer. The conference had no constitution. Each state board was an individual body and might as it thought the needs of its community required. The city in which the conference is to be held appointed an executive committee, which in conjunction with the executive committee of the confercenc, decided upon the papers to be read other details necessary to the conduct of the conference.

Mr. Elmore here said, that he had been

around the city during the day, and from the enterprise which he had noticed he had no hesitation in saying that Omaha would do her share in making the gathering a success. spect to the time at which the conference should be held, he said that he had been written by a certain professor who had expressed a desire to be present, and hoped that the conference might be held during vacation, in order that he might be enabled to do so. The time, however, he said could be determined upon by the

local executive committee.

The last conference, which had been held at St. Paul, had lasted one week, Mr. Giles said, and had appointed several committees composed of members in different parts of the country, who he had no doubt would be prepared to report upon the work assigned them.

The executive committee from this place, it was further stated, would be expected to provide the hall, the necessary printing, the badges and details of such a nature as would likely be suggested by

the gathering proposed It was further stated that there was no initiation fee, and that the expenses, outside of those provided fer by the local committee, were satisfied by the sales of the printed proceedings of the conference. It was as nearly as possible a free institu-tion. Papers were read, and then any lady or gentlemen present was entitled to discuss it to the extent of five minutes. Any person who had anything to say said Mr. Elmore, could say a great deal in that time. Those who could say nothing ought not to occupy the time.
Senator Saunders moved that Prof

Gillespie, Mrs. Dr. Dinsmore and G. Hitchcock be appointed members of the ocal executive committee. Prof. Gillespie said that it would be preferable to appoint a committee of

arger numbers and one more representative of the business, social and profes-sional life of Omaha. Mrs. Dinsmore begged to be permitted to retire from the committee and left to work on the outside, holding that the committee should be composed exclusively of men. Prof. Gillespie, she said, had been appointed chairman of the executive committee by the last conference, and an Omaha lady has been appointed to assist. Neverthe-

committee, and confining its membership exclusively to gentlemen. Mr. Hitchcock thought it would be a good idea to refer the appointment of the committee to the board of trade. He also favored October as the time for holding the conference because it was the commencement of our beautiful Indian

less, she favored an enlargement of the

summer. Messrs. Giles and Elmore had been invited to attend the meeting of the board of trade, at the exposition building. The meeting then adjourned, and the strangers, accompanied by Senator Sanders, Prof. Gillespie, and several others, repaired to the board of trade rooms, but the board had adjourned.

Messrs, Giles and Elmore were intro-

duced to President Myers and several other leading citizens. An informal explanation of the objects of the conference was made and assurances were given that in furthering the success of this undertaking Omaha would do its duty. Both Mr Giles and Mr, Elmore leave this morning for the east.

A CANINE HERO. Adelaide Moore's Dog Scottie Saves

Her Car From Fire.

Apropos of the engagement of the beautiful young English actress, Miss Adelaide Moore, who appears at Boyd's opera house on next Wednesday and Thursday nights, December 1 and 2, producing "The Lady of Lyons," "The Happy Pair" and "Pygmalion and Galatea," it may prove interesting to the public to know that her special car in which she travels caught fire on last Monday night, and had it not been for her Scotch collie dog, "Scotland," it might have been necessary to chronicle the destruction of probably the finest railroad car ever built in this country, and possibly an account of the loss

of the lives of the occupants. The car left Stillwater at 11:30 Monday night, and Miss Moore, who was very much fatigued from playing the arduous role of Juliet, had retired before the train started, accompanied by her constant companion, "Scottie," a black and tan Scotch cottie, Mr. William

B. Moore, Miss Moore's brother, and Mr. Edward L. Bloom, her manager, retired also and the servants were not long in following their exam-The lights were all extinguished excepting one small hall lamp near the rear of the car, which is always kept burning in case the train officials should have occasion to go through. In some unaccountable manner the lamp fell out of its socket, and in a moment the end of the car was ablaze. Scottie was alert and wide awake, and his keen instinct told him something was wrong. He sent up a most terrific howling and whining, he jumped and pulled and tugged at Miss Moore, whom he succeeded in awakening, and she, to her horror, comprehended the situation. She called her brother, who, by applying four hand grenades and two blankers, succeeded in extinguishing the flames before any serious damage had been done except the ruina tion of a couple of yards of carpet and the scorching of a little woodwork. Had the fire had two or three minutes more headway it might have been necessary to chronicle a holocaust instead of an account of a dog's sagacity. This is not the first time that Scottie has proved himself a hero, as he once saved a child from drowning in the surf by clutching its dress in his mouth and swimming ashore when it was impossible to launch as boat. Scottie was owned by the Duchess of Athol. He was presented to Miss Moore by the Marquis of Dunsmore, a cousin of the Duke of Athol, when but three weeks old and has been her faithful companion for five years. Ed. Bloom says that nothing is too rich for Scottie, and that he shall live on quail on toast for the remainder of his life.

AFTER THE INDIAN DEPOT.

The Meeting of the Board of Trade Last Night.

A largely attended meeting of the members of the board of trade and other citizens was held at the board of trade rooms last evening for the purpose of taking steps to secure the location in Omaha of the Indian agents' supply depot that is about to be removed west from New York. After President Meyers had called the meeting to order and stated the object for which it had been called. Joseph Garneau, jr., made a statement concerning the nature and extent of the benefits that are to be derived from the location of the depot. The depot, he explained, was a place for the annual meeting of the Indian commis-sioners when bids are received for the furnishing of all needed supplies for all of the Indians under the care of the government. These supplies amount annually to about \$25,090,000. The ex-penditures for salt meats, flour, cornmeal and crackers alone amounts to \$6,000,000 annually. The location of such an institution would not only be great benefit to the manufactories already located here, but would be a great inducement to other manufacturers to locate here.

Colonel Chase moved that it be the sense of the meeting that all effort should

e used to secure the location of the Mr. A. Rosewater suggested that a committee of five should be appointed to secure statistics to be presented to the showing Indian commissioners, showing why Omaha is a desirable location for the depot, being the center of the corn belt, surrounded by manufacturing establishments, and possessed of unequalled railroad facilities.

Mr. Garneau moved that a committee of five be appointed to visit Washington to place Omaha's advantages and claims before the Indian commissioner. Mr. E. Rosewater thought that it was

not necessary to send a delegation to Washington. The Nebraska delegation in congress should be wired to place the matter before the proper authorities. After some discussion Mr. Garneau's motion was adopted and the president instructed to select the committee. A number of names were suggested by the

meeting from which the selection should be made. Among them were: Mayor Boyd, John A. McShane, Joseph Garneau, jr., E. Rosewater, H. W. Yates, Dr. Miller, W. A. L. Gibbon, H. G. Clark and A petition urging congress to pass the Hatch bill providing for the appropria-

tion of money for the purpose of promoting agricultural experiments was presented and received a number of signa-

The Donivan Case.

The Ford-Edgerton-Hact combination formed for the purpose of doing up Mar shal Cummings on the Donivan investigation case, has been broken. The firm's stock of affidavits has been exhausted, and Hart, the attorney, is out. Mrs. Buckley, who made the affidavit alleging that she had been induced by Marshal Cummings to make charges against Donivan, has made a statement to the effect that she has been offered \$50 by Pat Ford and Edgerton to sign the affidavit, and that she had signed it without knowing its contents. Yesterday Alonzo Jay Hart, the attorney who has been playing the fiddle for Ford's dancing, made a statement which fully confirms Mrs. Buckley's statement. He says that he was hired by Ford and Edgerton to prepare the affidavit for Mrs. Buckley's signature, but has not been able to make a collection. He also paid \$7.55 to get Mrs. Buckley out of fail so she could sign the affidavit. Ford and Edgerton have refused to refund this amount, and Hart is out the amount in cash in addi-tion to his service. It is understood that the police committee will be asked to continue the case another week in order to make the investigation of the whole matter more complete.

Caught the Robber.

Pietro Bianco, a weather-beaten Italian, appeared at the police station in a badly excited condition yesterday afternoon and asked for an officer to arrest a man who had robbed him. Sargeant Mostyn answered the call and brought in a villianous looking son of the land of song who gave his name as Leingo Falbro. The story of the trouble between the two mea was gained through an interpreter and was gained through an interpreter and dates back to the first of May. Bianeo was working on the Marysville branch of the Union Pacific, and had saved \$200 which he was going to send to the old country to bring his family here. Falbro stole this money and skipped out. He was arrested at Beatrice, but was released on a promise of his friends to make good the amount. The promise was not kept and Falbro came to Omaha, where he and Falbro came to Omaha, where he was found by his victim yesterday. When searched at the jail letters from the old country addressed to Bianco were found on his person, showing that he has been taking the old man's mail and thus preventing him from getting communica tion from his family, Falbro's friends have offered to return the amount lost Bianco, and a compromise will proba by Bianco, and bly be effected.

They Cold-Decked Him.

Gustave Lindstrom commenced suit vesterday against the Omaha Real Estaet & Trust company. The petition alteges that in August he contracted with an agent of the defendants for the purchase of two lots in Walnut Hill. Afterwards he found out that the deeds which were given him were for two lots of an inferior quality. By the change Lindstrom considers himself damaged in the sum of \$500, for which amount he asks judgement.

Nebraska and Iowa Weather. For Nebraska and lowa: Light rains,

SMUGGLING GOODS.

the Latest Attempt Cost the Smugglers Only \$400. About ten days ago a number of chests of tea, in transit between San Francisco and the east, were opened at Council Bluffs and found to contain a number of silk handkerchiefs. The goods were suffered to go east upon an order from Collector Hager, of San Francisco, on the payment of \$400. This ac-tion on the part of the centleman mentioned is a surprise to the government officers, who, though they had nothing to do with the ex-amination of the chests, still claim that the amination of the chests, still claim that the naction was illegal. They claim that the tea should have been forfeited to the government, as provided for by section 2864 of the revised statutes; and section 2865 prescribes further that one who smuggles or attempts to smuggle shall be fined, upon conviction, not exceeding \$5,000. The officers here claim that the California people propose to inquire into the matter.

Building Permits. Superintendent Whitlock issued buildng permits yesterday as follows: Central Investment company, one-story frame cottage, Lindsay avenue and Thirty-second street.

S. E. Weill, one and three-quartersstory frame dwelling, Charles, near
Twenty-fifth
Christ Hansen, five one-story frame
cottages, Twenty-first and Grace
streets

Springs addition.
S. N. Bell, one and three-quartersstory frame dwelling, Nineteenth
and Locust.
W. R. Howar, one-story frame addi-

tion to cottage, Twenty-lifth, near Patrick avenue. John G. Willis, four one-story frame cottages on extension of Twentyfirst street
Samuel G. Tuthill, one and one-half-story frame dwelling, Twenty-eighth

and Miami..... Nine permits, aggregating......\$14,215

Two Cowboys Robbed. Two cow-boys from the wild west on their way east were the victims of sneak thieves Sunday night. They stopped at a cheap lodging honse, and on retiring placed their vests, containing their watches and money, under their pillows. In the morning, however, when they awoke, they found that theeves had succeeded in sneaking part of their posses-sions while they slept. From one pocket watch and \$4.50 were taken, the robbers failing to find \$50 which was in another pocket. In the other vest the thieves ound \$20 in money but overlooked a fine gold watch. The cowboys complained to the police, but could give no clue to the identity of the robbers

Dead Wife, Pauper Husband.

Edward Wood, an old-time resident of the city, fell while at work on Thirteenth street yesterday and received a badly sprained ankle. He was in destitute circumstances and had to be removed to he poor farm. At the same time a collection was being taken up by his friends to pay the funeral expenses of his wife, who died at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday morning. Wood at one time was a foreman in the Union Pacific shops and had a neat home and other property, but lost all through the drinking habit.

A Lauer Motion.

In the district court yesterday afternoon the attorneys for the defense in the Lauer case made a motion to be allowed to file an acquittal of the charge of murder in the first and second degrees. The motion will be argued to-day.

Brevities.

The Wells and Swindler land cases were argued before Judge Dundy in the United States court yesterday. Five children, one colored, have been

born at the poor farm during the present month. One of them has been adopted by a family living on Nineteenth street. Judge Neville is hearing the case of Schaller vs. the City and Judge Wakel the suit of Jas. Goelner vs. the Nail Works Co., for \$22,000 for damages sustained in a broken leg.

Pat McGuire, an old timer, was up before Judge Stenberg yesterday on the charge of drunkenness. "I'll give you ten days to sober up," said the judge. "I'll not take it, yer honor," was Pat's generous response.

Car No. 1 on the South Thirteenth line came very near meeting with a serious accident yesterday morning. The horses ran away down the incline from Hascall's hall and overturned the car at the foot of the hill. There were seven or eight passengers aboard at the time, but beyond a few bruises none of them were injured.

Emigrant travel to the west has been ncreasing slightly during the past few and extra cars have been put upon the Union Pacific overland train at this place to accommodate the rush of passengers. First-class travel, however, remains light, and will probably not increase until after the holidays.

Hot For a Boarder.

CORUNNA, Mich., Nov. 29.—At midnight Saturday night a mob of twelve masked men broke into the house of Charles Pringle, dragged out a boarder named Coleman, tarred and feathered him and escorted him from town with instructions to leave immediately. He has disappeared. It is alleged he was too familiar with Pringle's wife and has long been an offensive character in the neighbor-hood. The "reformers" are unknown.

A Deadwood justice of the peace was called upon to marry a young couple, and did so with his accustomed sangfroid. Hardly an hour had elapsed before a female friend of the new-made bride came and explained that the latter had been married to spite a lover with whom she bad quarreled, and had since made up the tiff, and therefore desired to be divorced. She could not be accommo-

Last Tuesday the remains of Jim Swan alias Jack Sheppard, prince of north western highwaymen, were found in the Big Horn mountains. He escaped some time ago while handcuffed and was never caught afterward. He died from starvation, as his manacled condition pre vented him from procuring food. A knife and revolver, chambers empty, were found beside him.

In Glendrye, M. T., the men have organized a club. It has finely fitted up rooms in the second story of a brick block, furnished with a billiard table, cards, checkers, chess, and all similar games. Cigars are kept upon a stand, to which the members help themselves, depositing a nickei in a box for that pur-pose. Neither gambling nor drinking is allowed in the rooms. They are open every afternoon and evening.

Free Abstract! Free Abstract!! And Warranty Deed to every purchaser in Hanseom Park Addition. There is not one POOR LOT in this beautiful tract

of ground. You can come and see it and judge of the facts yourself. Selling at \$550 to \$650 on easy terms. AMES, 1507 FARNAM ST. You can buy furniture cheaper of A. L. Fitch & Co., 12th st., bet Farnam and Douglas, ! han any other place in the city.

Bargain-corner Farnam and Stst sts., 68x132, south and east front, \$6,500. S. A. SLOMAN, 1512 F arnam st. The best woolens and trimmings are used in Rainge's clothes.

Bargain—Corner Cass and 82d, 57x100, 1,500; \$500 cash. S. A. SLOMAN, 1513 Farnam st. \$1,500; \$800 cash.

Whitebreas tnutcoal, \$4.00 perton-the cheapest and best fuel.
NEE. FUEL Co., 214 South 13th St.

MY FRIEND THE BURGLAR.

G. H Underscood, in the Cosmop Ittan. When I was a young man just starting n practice in the town of Dixon I was appointed counsel by the court for a notorious burglar, who, after having long been a terror to our county, had at last been captured and was now awaiting

He was supposed to be one of a hard gang, and as I entered the room where he was confined I expected to see an abandoned-looking ruffian of middle age. Judge of my surprise, then, to find myself in the presence of a mild-looking, bine-eyed, flaxen-haired youth of apparently not more than two-and-twenty years, though I afterwards learned that at least a decade must be added to that. My much-studied repose of manner was

rather shaken for a moment, but he at once came forward, offered me a chair, introduced himself as Mr. Brown, and asked for my name. I had previously known him as "Black Jack," a sareastic appellation. I suppose, on account of his estreme fairness On being told that I was the attorney

appointed for his detense his whole man-ner changed. A look of crafty cunning crept into his face, the cloak of good manners dropped from his shoulders, and I saw before me the unmistakable desper ado whose apprehension had delighted so many hearts. After a quarter of an hour of confiden-tial talk I plainty saw that the state

would win its case against this man. client and I were beaten before we be gan. He was very guarded in all his admissions, even under the sacred seal of legal confidence and so I was surprised to hear him say, as I was leaving

him that day:
"Well, Mr. Clarkson, of course I prefer to be cleared, and I shall try my
chances on that; but it really matters little in the end. If the court convicts me I shall not be caged very long."
"What do you mean?" exclaimed

"Only that I never have been long be hind the bars, and I never mean to be, have good friends outside who will took after me I smiled incredulously. "You have never been in Blacktown state prison, sir, or perhaps your assurance would be less.

Once there, you are safe to stay, I can assure vou. He laughed lightly and said good night, thanking me for my kindness in accept ing his defense.

In our subsequent meetings I took pains to tell him that I believed in his guilt and that the utmost I would undertake would be a mitigation of his sentence. But he always accepted my assertions with an airy pleasantry and seemed determined

to be friendly in spite of me. The trial came on, as 1 expected. Brown was convicted and sentenced to state prison for fourteen years. There were few redeeming circumstances in the case, and his sentence was a severe one. looked for his composure to desert him under this blow; but, on the contrary, he bade me a cheerful good evening as he was marching off to spend his last night in our town fail.

I went home with a very uncomfort-

able feeling in my heart. Was it my duty as a man to warn the officers of the jail of this fellow's hints of escape. But what had I really to tell? Only vague assertions about friends whose powers I did not believe in; and even these made in confidential talks with his lawyer. No, I would say nothing. He would undoubtedly be well guarded, and to-morrow the doors of Blacktown prison would close securely upon him for many a long year.

When I went to my office next morning I saw at once that something unusual had taken place. Little knots of excited talkers had collected on the street corners; fierce gesticulations accompanied stealthy glances thrown over shoulders; approached, room was made for me to enter the first of these bubbling

springs of gossip.
"Well, Clarkson," said an old lawyer, who had long been my friend and patron, "it seems that 'Black Jack' is free, and no thanks to you, my boy!" 1 started, almost guiltily. "Free? What do you mean?"

"I mean that, to all appearances, he was abed and asleep whenever the warden looked in last night, but that when his breakfast was taken to him this morning the figure in bed turned out to be only the pillow well covered up, while our bird had flown through the window by means of the neatest sawing on the bars you ever saw.

"Sawing? Where could be have con-cealed an instrument? Was he not thoroughly searched?" "Of course, and he had nothing. Everything was taken from him except a little, old, well-thumbed Bible that has Jessie

Brown' faintly traced in it in old-fash-

ioned letters. He said that it had been

his mother's and begged that he might keep it as the last tie to better days. Naturally, they hadn't the heart or the concience to refuse that. He must have been helped from outside." "Who is after him? For I suppose somebody is." "I should say so. The sheriff and all his posse, and half the town besides. They are wild at 'Black Jack's' escape,

but I don't believe they will lay hands on him again very soon. He has too good a start. And so it proved. After a three days' fruitless search the hunters all returned, giving up the game as too wily for them, the sheriff funing and fretting at an escape that had cost him his reputation.

Just a week later the morning post

brought me a square, stylish-looking let-ter, addressed in a neat feminine hand. I opened it with some surprise, for my lady correspondents were few, but had hardly read two lines when surprise became astonishment, and that, in turn, amazemement. This was the missive: Mr. Obediah Clarkson—Sir: You wonder how I could have escaped from Blacktown prison. In the same way, I reply that I escaped from Dixon jail. I never knew a prison warden yet (and I have in my time come across a good many of them) that was hard-hearted enough to take away from me my mother's Bible. Well concealed between its double covers are the only instruments I need to pick the strongest lock that ever was made or to file the thickest bar that ever was forged. I should not tell you this now except that I am off for foreign parts, and never expect to see this country again. But I liked you, and can't resist this parting word. When you defend another burglar, find a worthler one than "BLACK JACK."

You see, the scamp was well educated, Mr. Obediah Clarkson-Sir: You wender

You see, the scamp was well educated for his letter bore every evidence of that, as did his conversation. He had evidently seen better days, and the traces of dead manhood in him were doubtless what had attracted me. The letter was, of course, post-marked from a distant town where he had never been seen, and was no help in tracing the lost clear. Well, I thought this was the end of my adventure. But the queerest part was still to come.

The cares of life accumulated rapidly upon me soon after these occurrences, and my constantly increasing practice, followed by my marriage, succeeded in so filling my thoughts that "Black Jack" was driven almost from my memory. Some five years after this episode my wife and I found ourselves making a new nome in a western state, and in spite of some unavoidable twinges of regret, we soon settled into contenment and happi-

soon settled into contenment and happiness in our unaccustomted quarters.

We had been inhabitants of the thriving town of X—only a few months when our quiet life was rudely arroused into excitement by a general alarm of burglars. A half-dozen houses were broken into in one night; watches, silver, jewels, everything valuable and small enough to be easily carried, taken off, and yet the occupants of the various ransacked dwellings not once aroused from

their slumbers. It was in those days almost like magic, and we hardly knew how to protect ourselves. The burglars were certainly doing their work in the most professional and deft-fingered way Our neighbor on the right had been one of the latest victims, and we feared that our turn might come. Double locks and bars were employed, the police guard doubled, and I slept nightly with a loaded

my wite almost as much as an anticipated But all our precautions were of no avail We waked one morning to find ourselves minus our small silver (all that was solid), my wife's diamond earrings, her father's wedding gift, and, greatest loss of all, my watch, a family heirloom, which I prized highly and which money could never replace. It bore amid the quiant engraving of its inner case the name of my great-grandfather, which was also my own, "Obediah H. Clark

pistol under my pillow, which alarmed

The jewels and the watch had both been taken from what we had considered a safe hiding-place in our own room, and yet we had been conscious of no noise, nor even an unpleasant dream. But a bined with headaches, of which we both complain, left no doubt that chloroform had been the agent of this bulglary, as doubtless in all the others. Of cou said that we must accept our fate like the rest, as there seemed small chance of the rascals being caught. Such a street guard, however, was now put upon the whole town that our house was the last on the list of the victimized.

Three days later, as my wife and I were sitting down to breakfast, which just now we had to be content to eat with plated forks and teaspoons, there came a loud ring at the door bell. The faithful Bridget answered the summons, and returned after a short parley with a smal express package marked "Paid." "My shoes from New York," said my

"No," said I; "it is addressed to me The new books I sent to Boston for," tearing off the wrapper as I spoke. Imagine our sensations when, on removing the cover of a wooden box, our lost forks and spoons, the blue velvet case containing my wife's ear-rings, and my own beloved watch were revealed to

our amazed eyes. "Harry," gasped my wife, "where die they come from?"
I don't know," I answered helpless!y

Just at that moment my gaze fell upon a small folded note at the bottom of the box, and as I looked memory began to stir and waken; for that peculiar, delicate handwriting had certainly come under my notice before. Still struggling with this faint and elusive rememberance, I unfolded the bit of paper and read its con tents:

Mr. Obediah Clarkson -- Dear Sin: Vot may thank your queer name for bringing these things back to you again. It was after we had left your house and the town that I saw the marking on your watch and knew that we had robbed a man that I have always felt was a friend. I vowed years ago that I do you a good turn some day and row I'd do you a good turn some day, and now here it is. I have found out that you are the same Obediah who defended me at Dixon, and you're welcome to the "swaz." I'll never rob you if I know it; for there is honor even among thieves. "BLACK JACK."

"O, Harry, Harry!" sobbed my wite (for I am happy to state that my middle name is Henry), "I'll never abuse your poor old name again! I did think it was frightful, but see what it has done for us -that and your kindness to that dreadful burglar.

I smiled rather wearily, remembering the sentence in the note about "honor among thieves," and almost felt that I had been included under that appellation! But from that day to this we have heard no more of "Black Jack," and have concluded that, in any event, the Obediah Clarksons are safe from his gentlemanly depredations. He is known in the family as "My friend the burglar," and his preference for me is rather a sore subject.

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