PEOPLE DROP OUT OF SIGHT

Indiana Tragedy Shows How Easily poor, and as she had but a few dollars One Is Lost in the World.

SOME NOTED CASES RECALLED

Strange Disappearances Which Taxed Human Skill and Resources Without Result-Mystery of Lapsed Memory.

The tragic mysteries of the burned charnel house at Laporte, Ind., brings sharply to avoid an uncongenial marriage. public notice how easily and completely persons disappear from sight and from friends, and only rarely are heard of again. In the great multitude of people without bome attachments or inquisitive friends, disappearances excite little interest. Like a pebble dropped in the ocean, there is a momentary ripple, then all is still. In the Laporte case, were it not for the persistence of a brother of one of the victims who left his Dakota home for the haunt of the female bluebeard, it is probable that horrible a great Atlantic coast daily that has a affair would have remained unrevealed for a time, if not forever. Possibly a dozen men were lured to their death in this charnel house, and yet only two have been Her family was one of the oldest and

definitely identified. What becomes of the hundreds of people who go out from home or business to make a call or attend to some of their affairs, apparently with the intention of an early return, but never come back? In the large cities these cases of sudden vanishing, almost of annihilation, are frequent, and they often involve circumstances of more pathos than that with which Tennyson has invested the tale of "Enoch Arden."

A Western Mystery. Not always in the large cities do the most mysterious instances of sudden disappearance occur. A mysterious disappearance some years ago in a small city of the central west is the equal of any on record, and it is attended by circumstances that he could locate the missing young lady if make it unusually pathetic. The leading features are as follows:

A young gentleman, the only son of a leading business man of his native town, never been east. But the interview had had been carefully educated to take his father's place in the conduct of a manufacturing house with important connections, and had been in the concern little more than a year as tressurer, handling large sums of money daily, when one pleasant day he went out on a business errand and, not only never returned, but not the least trace of him could be discovered.

His errand was usual at the hour of going out, and was simply to attend to the banking business of the house for the day and get lunch. He had a draft to buy on New York for quite a large sum, and had written the letter in which to enclose it before leaving the office. He transacted his business at the bank, mailed the draft and took lunch at the usual place. Beyoud the restaurant he could not be traced a step, yet several persons saw him go out the door. In two hours an inquiry was set on foot for him, his absence from business being unaccountable. No young man could be more exact and methodical in his habits. He was strictly moral, abstemious to a fault and never was seen in questionable associations. His horror at drunkenness, gambling and kindred vices was known to be sincere, and he cherished the fondest regard for his parents, sisters and other relatives. Home and business were his hobbies, and absence for even a day when the demands of trade called him away, he looked upon as a privation.

Therefore, when the hours of his absence lengthened into days and the days into weeks, with no tidings from him, even conjecture was idle, for, wholly without a clue upon which to hang a reasonable supposition, specu was impossible. The parents spared noth- \$40,000. When her husband heard of the ing in the quest for the idolized son. His photograph was printed in large quantities and sent to the authorities in every part of the country, accompanied by the offer of a large reward for tidings which would lead to the discovery of the young gentleman, and finally the same course was adopted in sending the photo to the principal cities abroad, but this labor and expense were in vain.

One in the East.

The senation in the matter of remarkable and unaccountable disappearances has been forcibly revived in the case of C. A. Conant, one of the editors of the weekly and monthly publications of Harper & Bros., New York City. Mr. Conant was one of the best known literary men in New York. He had been in the employ of the Harpers for more than thirty years. He began humbly, but as he developed exceptional ability, he was advanced until he was among the most responsible and highest salaried men in the service of the great Cliff street and Franklin Square this agent several months ago. When the became seriously sick. publishing house.

Mr. Conant was between 50 and 55 years old. He had been married for many years to a woman in every respect congenial and suited to him. Those who had known him longest declared that Mr. Conant had absolutely no bad habits. He was bookish not buying the books for herself, and had in his tastes, as his pursuits would naturally lead him to be. He had but few intimate friends, but these were rooted to him. The world seemed to go well with him in every respect.

One day in July, some twenty years ago, Mr. Conant rose from his desk, washed his hands, and walked out, presumably to to him. He asked Mrs. Patten to sign his luncheon. He did not return at his notes for this amount, so he could get the usual hour; in fact, did not come back at all, which was a very unusual thing. It happened that during the afternoon one of the firm of his employers wanted to see him touching spme matter relating to the business of the publishing house, and had sent into the room-which was occupied by Mr. Conant and two others-to say that when he came in he should be asked to come to the office of the person desiring see him. So a close lookout was kept, but Mr. Conant did not return. He was living well out of town, about twenty-five miles from the city, during the heat of

Apples for Sleeplessness.

The apple is such a common fruit, says a medical writer, that very few persons are familiar with its remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepia which such a suggestion may summon up, but no harm can come even to a delicate system by the eating of the rips and juicy apple before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than any other fruit. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleen, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. This is not all: the apple prevents indigestion and throat diseases.—London Globe. Next morning he did not appear. He was the most punctual of mortals, and 10 o'clock in summer always found him at his desk. When he did not appear at his usual hour everyone thought he must either be ill or be detained at home for some urgent reason. About noon, however, his wife came into the room much agitated. She said in their entire married life of over twenty years her husband had never remained away over night without nding her either a telegram or a note to tell her he would be absent. He had not done this, and she feared he was ill, or that something had happened to him that was to his detriment. The Harpers then began to make some inquiry on their own account. All they could learn was that as he went out he stepped into the room of the cashier and drew \$50. His salary was \$7,500 per annum. The elevator boy remembered the hour in which he brought Mr. Conant down. The last who saw him was the policeman who had been on duty in and about Franklin Square for many years. He was near the main entrance to the Harpers' publishing house, when he saw Mr. Conant emerge from the building and walk briskly away.

From that hour to this no human being has laid eyes upon him.

Cortain mental conditions occasionally fight for his rights must expect to keep up the fight for the rest of his life.—
untable happenings. An instance of Philadelphia Ledger. Cortain mental conditions occasionally account for curious and otherwise unac-

JIM MUST START RACE NOW

this occurred last year at San Diego, Cal.

A young lady one day appeared at a hotel,

After a stay of a day or two, she told the landlord's wife that she was very

the corps of teachers of a girls' school-

The landlord's wife saw the young lady had never done any manual labor and

would not know how to do it if it were

offered to her. The school project she was

very glad to fall in with, but she seemed curiously reticent about herself, and made

no explanation of her appearance at the

cause for this "secrecy," as they called

the refusal of the young lady to gratify

the pupils' curiosity by making known

her private affairs. One day the land-

lady was reading the personal column of

reputation for its personal column from

A young lady of the city was missing.

He wrote to the person mentioned de-

a Latin name that in the vernacular

means lapse of memory. How she had

gone so far from home as she had with-

out any mishap was the wonder. She

soon recovered under proper treatment,

and returned to her eastern home and

Trusting Wives of Rich Husbands in

Chicago Victims of Smooth

Swindlers.

Chicago millionaires and others around

the country have been hit hard in the vi-

cinity of their bank accounts through the

medium of their trusting wives, who have

fallen victims to the wiles of a gang of

Mrs. James A. Patten of Evanston, wife

of the well known Board of Trade man

and former mayor of the college town,

signed notes amounting to \$20,000 and gave

her personal checks for \$2,950 more-which

were cashed-to one of these "agenta."

and all that she has to show is a case of

cheme was nothing more than the old

back upon the payment of \$10,000.

is willing to make a "mark" of himself in

thing," said Mr. Patten. "Out of the kind-

ness of her heart she signed notes for

about \$20,000 and gave them to this book

agent so that he could have the books

bound for him by a well known publishing

house. The books really were to be sold,

so the agent said, to a banker in Portland.

could get the books from the publishing

"The first notes that she signed were for

"He said that the Portland banker

"These people who have swindled my wife have headquarters in New York. They

had people around to see employes of mine

in New York, and have been impudent

enough to ask how much 'I was going to

settle for.' I won't settle for one penny,

and will prosecute them if they can be

found and locked up."-Chicago Record-

Applea for Sleeplessness.

Musings of a Cynic.

Musings of a Cynic.

May a felow sows his wild cats and reaps a grass widow.

Most men like to be joiled, and are willing to pay for it.

A wise woman never quarrels with her husband till after payday.

The worst thing about common sense is that it is so unfashianable.

Discretion may be the better part of valor because it can run faster.

No search warrant is necessary in looking for trouble or finding faults.

Many a girl's idea of doing good in the world is to marry a man to reform him.

It's queer that while a man always goes to lunch a woman goes to a luncheon.

house he could sell them to the Portland

no intention of ordering them,

in a few weeks.

notes.

Herald.

order to bring the impostors to justice.

"agents" and signed notes for

sea to sea.

called her husband.

who it is," he said.

friends cured.

suave "book agents."

about \$500.

and morocco.

banker.

Dahlman Club Pushes Mayor Into with her, she must get something to do. Campaign at Once. It happened that there was a vacancy in

WILL NOT WAIT FOR MID-SUMMER

Our Jim Calmly Bows to the Com mand and Trip to Denver Will Be the Curtain Raiser.

place she was staying. The landlord's wife had a theory, which was that the "Now is the accepted time," declare the girl had run away from somewhere to nembers of the Dahlman Democracy, and at a meeting Friday evening admontshed She did as well with the school as could be expected, and soon became a very the mayor for deciding to begin his campaign as late as July 10, and told him that great favorite with her young girl pupils. Mayor Dahlman must begin his campaign But people are curious. The girl gave no account of herself, nor did she write or for Governor Dahlman at once. This decision was arrived at in a meeting receive any letters. Envious and jealous tongues declared that there must be some

of the campaign committee and when it reported the club went into executive ses sion and the will of the great unwashed imparted to the local Moses of the party. Dahlman took the part of the immorts Barkis and declared that he was "willin' and the journey to Denver to the national convention will mark the opening of the campaign. On this occasion Bryan will be more or less of a secondary consideration and Dahlman will be kept ever in the lime

proudest in the town. Its eldest daughter The campaign committee was instructed had suddenly disappeared. There was no to buy several thousand buttons with the cause known for her leaving her family picture of the hald-headed mayor on them and friends, and the personal concluded and with the inscription "Dahlman for govby the offer of \$1,000 for any information ernor," and these will be distributed by the that would result in disclosing what had andful to the gaping crowds in all stations become of her. She could be positively where the special stops on its way to Denidentifed by a little mole on the outer ver. The train will stop at every place of edge of the lobe of the left ear. The any size in the state and Dahlman will give woman read the personal twice. She then a speech from the rear platform while his followers will wave green and yellow um-"Read that," she said, "and tell me brellas containing political advertising and shower the buttons on the heads of the "Why, it's our school mistress, that's unsuspecting.

Dahlman Beside Bryan. At Denver the campaign will be kept up siring the knowledge, saying he thought and an effort will be made to pin a Dahlman button by the side of that of the some one would come and identify ber. Peerless Leader himself on the coat of The couple then called the young lady every delegate and the influential club will and questioned her. She declared she had see to it that democrats of influence who have not credentials will get into the conso affected her that next morning she vention, in return for which Mr. Big Gun was in a high fever and delirious. To will give Dahlman support in his campaign make a long story short, she had had an attack of that curious disease which has for the governorship.

"We decided that we have no grudge against or ill feeling for any of the other candidates for governor," said Joe Butler, manager of the Dahlman speaking bureau. but while we have friendly feelings for all, we, of course, have the friendliest feelings for Dahlman. There are really but two candidates, Dahlman and Shallenberger. Berge is still looked upon by many BOOK AGENTS" MAKE KILLING as a populist. Hale is not a strong opponent, and Lobeck-well, you know Lobeck is going to run for railroad commissioner."

Dahlman Crowd Growing. Applications for reservations on the special excursion of the Dahlman democrats to the democratic national convention are continually coming in to the secretary and Friday night it was ascertained that Albion would send one carload of democrats, the car to meet the excursion train at Columbus. Other towns to be represented are South Omaha, with two cars Council Bluffs, with two cars, and applications are in for about 100 reservations from all parts of the state. The contract for the badges and umbrellas were let last week, and final arrangements will be made 'edition de luxe" books worth probably for the excursion at a meeting to be held next Friday night, at which those in at-Detectives are at work, and their find-ings so far point to the fact that the man brass band.

lightning rod game disguised in calrakin VALUABLE CAT CHLOROFORMED It is known that another well known mil- One of the Heira of Man Who Left Honaire's wife listened to the siren song Fortune for Care of

Two Pets.

notes and investigated he found that he After enjoying for several years a forhad been bitten. Thereupon he sorrowtune of \$40,000, Blackle, one of the two fully compromised and got his wife's notes pet cats of the late Benjamin Dilley of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was chloroformed and But with Mr. Patten it is different. He is now dead, aged 16. The act of mercy admits that his wife has been shamefully was performed after physicians had proimposed upon and that her charitable nanounced Blackie's illness hopeless and ture has received a shock, but he says that with the consent of the executors of the

he intends to see justice done and that he will. Dilley, who died in 1905, had made Blackie and his sister, Pinkie, pets since "My wife is heartbroken about this their birth in 1892. In his will be left the income of a \$40,00 property to provide for them and appointed Miss Addie Ruch at \$75 a month to care for them, giving her this through life.

The cats had the daintiest of food and the house where they lived was arranged for their convenience. They grew big and Ore., who was in Europe. The agent made fat and lazy, never being allowed to run a plea that he had been ill, an dthat if he at large or associate with other oats. Pinkie died two years ago. Miss Ruch was taken seriously ill three weeks ago and is in the hospital. Her departure af-"My wife had purchased a few books of fected Blackie and some days ago he, too,

agent represented to her that he must have When the estate is divided most of it will go to charitable institutions and a signed contract from some trustworthy person, with notes to cover the amount of \$5,000 toward providing "a fountain for the purchase, she agreed to sign them, so human beings, birds and animals," as the that he could sell to the western banker will expressed it .- New York Sun. when he returned from Europe. She was

The Harmless Candidate. A Georgia farmer posted this sign on his

front gate:
"Candidates will pass on. No time to talk to em." \$5,500. The agent went away, but returned One morning his little boy shouted from the garden walk:

"There's one o' them candidates here, an' he say he'll come in anyhow!"

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"Let him to "" wanted a better set, and that if he could order a set worth \$8,500 he could sell them said:
"Let him in. There's no harm in him. I know him. He's been runnin' ever sence the war—jest to be a-running'. It runs in his blood an' he can't help it!"—Atlanta Constitution. books, and tore up the old issue of notes before her eyes. This impressed my wife with his honesty and she signed the other

> When a female person doesn't want to get married, she is already. The way a woman manages a man is by making him think he manages her. The trouble with the average man is he knows how to run every man's business but his own his own.
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> It makes a woman very proud to think how smart the children would be if their school teachers only knew how to teach them.—New York Press.

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