

Curbstone Lizard Is New Menace To Coy City Girls

He Parks Near Theaters and Waylays Victims With a Smile—Then There's the Limousine Lizard.

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New York, Jan. 29.—Bring on the rat poison—plenty of it—there's a new kind of snake-in-the-grass, a human rodent who is masquerading around these parts in the generally accepted rigging of man.

What does he look like? Well, as a rule he makes a pretty close approach to a human being, with his clothes and all to help carry out the deception. But you can't limit him to any set class of type. You might find him in the rough outfit of a taxi driver and again you are likely to find him in the garb of a man of means.

Where They Park.
Pavement spaces between corner cigar stores and the curb are the favorite lairs of these lizards. The next best hunting grounds for them are in the immediate vicinity of a theater. Dangling nonchalantly over the curb or backed up comfortably against a cigar store or theater building, they wait for the propitious moment to ply their business.

And what is his business? Oh, nothing much—just annoying passing girls with barbaques of invitations to join them in a walk—or a "movie." Some of the more swaggy "lizards" hand out dinner invitations promiscuously. Those of the taxi-driver type offer free rides.

Motley Crew.
A motley crew, this "curbstone lizard" gang. Some wearing flannel shirts—others impressive with their tailored clothes and smoking cases—a sprinkling of thuggish-looking ones to make the party look real "rough."

Loafers, and those who make an uncertain living from games of chance—young chaps who spend a part of their days and night parading about in the colorful livery of theater ushers—taxi drivers—the professional hunter of adventure with the opposite sex; these are the ranks that most of the "curbstone lizards" are recruited from.

Don't get the "curbstone lizard" confused with the "limousine lizard." The latter sometimes wears a silk hat and instructs his chauffeur to drive up close to the curb of a sidewalk when a pretty woman is passing. His hope is to lean out, silk hat in hand, cavalier-like and with suave voice ask the passing fair one to keep him company on a little motor trip. With all of his glitter and polish the "limousine" species may be more deadly than the pavement chameleon.

But they are both here—and the girls are asking what one is to do when one is accosted without any reason by them—insulted and embarrassed. Well, rat poison is as good as anything for such "warmints."

Horatius at the Movies.
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among them, still fighting as he falls.

37. Lartius and Herminius fly back across bridge, leaping gap in draw just as it widens.

38. Comedy insert. Lartius looks at gap, now widened to 50 feet. Subtitle: "Some Jump."

39. Etruscans—Horatius swimming without in river, fighting one another.

40 to 57. Horatius swims from one Etruscan to another, sinking each with a blow of his sword.

58. Lars Forens on shore, waving hands. Subtitle: "That's Enough, Boys. We Got Hand It to the Guy."

59. Horatius swims to Roman side of river.

60. Cleopatra meets him at bank of river. Subtitle: "Good Bill at the Coliseum Tonight. Whadaya Say We Go."

62. Cleopatra puts her arms around him. Fade out. (Copyright, 1921, by the Bell Syndicate.)

Cities Want Big Guns.
Boston, Jan. 29.—Mayors of southern cities have sent in requests to the first city corps area for the 10-inch guns now idle at the ungarioned Fort Knox, Md.

Letters From Home-Made Father to His Son

Dear Son:
According to the papers they're introducing congress to a bill making it an illegal crime for a railroad man, or one otherwise employed in the distribution of travel salesmen, to go out on strike. It must be a good law, judging from all the harsh things Mr. Gompers says about it only not having a congressional mind, I don't seem to understand it.

Now this new bill makes a railroad strike a crime punishable by \$5,000 fine or 10 years imprisonment or electrocution or both. On the other hand it preserves the sacred right of American citizens to lay abed late of a week day mornin, and while a man can't strike he can always quit till somebody offers him more money to come back.

Anyways passin laws against strikers these days seems to me about as good as passin laws about treatin in public actions. Strikin has its seasons just like Palm Beach or straw hats. The time for regulatin these luxuries is when the season is on.

A year ago, when strikin was to the poor man what golf is to the rich, there was all kinds of talk as to what had got into folks. Some said it was the war. Some said it was because the laborin man couldn't get a drink. Others said it was because he got too much. An they was all wrong. The trouble was that the country was overloaded with self-respect.

There ain't nothin that increases his self-respect climbs on his chest and whispers in his ear.
By writin it on a brick an throwin it through the office window, he sets fire to the tool-house an waits patiently for his answer. The boss apologizes and raises the wages of everybody but the stenographer an the bookkeeper to ten dollars a day.

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of his heart.
Then all of a sudden something happens. One day the boss has the nerve to criticise one of the Pillars of Industry for going to sleep after the noon hour an allowin the boiler to explode. The pillar, however, reached a tremendous pitch of self-respect, decides to teach him a lesson. So after droppin a monkey wrench in the dynamo he goes over to Black's foundry to tell him he's through with that crook Brown an has decided to work for a real man.

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pathy was splashin over the workin world. Without stoppin to inquire who they was in sympathy with the United Federation of Gas Fitters fairly ran out demandin ten-fifty a day an their privilege as American citizens of attendin the base ball game every Wednesday afternoon. But now it's all changed an instead they're fallin over themselves to be the first to tell the Grand Jury that everybody else but them is a crook.

When the Amalgamated Lint Pickers of America went on strike for eight dollars a day an ten hour week the Button Hole Makers Union was so moved by the noble struggle that they declared a sympathetic strike for nine dollars an half a day an a half holiday Saturday mornin.

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