

BLEW OPEN A SAFE BUT GOT NO BOOTY.

Burglars Invaded a Suburban Branch of the Brooklyn Post Office.

Noise of the Explosion Was Heard by a Hunter Who Carried a Gun.

Had Not His Powder Been Damp He Would Have Shot the Cracksmen's Sentry.

HIS COMING CAUSED THEIR FLIGHT.

The Big Safe in the Sheephead Bay Post Office Is a Wreck, but the Robbers Failed to Get Any of Uncle Sam's Funds.

A quartet of professional cracksmen broke into the Brooklyn branch post office at Sheephead Bay early yesterday morning, blew open the safe with dynamite and they fled without getting a cent of the \$310 which was almost within their grasp.

The robbers had no difficulty in gaining an entrance to the post office. In the rear of the building are two windows, the sills of which are less than four feet from the ground. These windows were covered with thin wire nettings, which were easily torn away by the burglars, who then entered the office and set to work, leaving one of their number as a guard near the front of the building.

How long the men were at work is not known, but at 3:30 in the morning George W. Matthews made the discovery of their presence. Mr. Matthews lives in apartments over the postoffice, and at that hour he was returning from a week's hunting trip. A double-barreled shotgun was over his shoulder, loaded. He was about to turn into the hallway leading to his rooms, when he chanced to notice a man loitering on the corner, some fifteen feet away. The man appeared to him suspicious, and Mr. Matthews was about to address him, when suddenly there came a loud explosion. The force of the explosion was so great that it almost knocked him from his feet. The echo of the explosion had only died away when the man on the corner lifted his voice and called out loudly: "Look out, boys; there's somebody around!"

Damp Powder Saved the Burglar. This satisfied Mr. Matthews that burglars were at work. Without a moment's hesitation he raised his shotgun to his shoulder, took deliberate aim at the sentinel, and pulled the trigger. No report followed, and he attempted to discharge the other barrel, but with a like result. Realizing, then, that the shells had probably become damp and useless from the rain, he ran to the postoffice window and peered in just in time to see three men clambering through the rear window. He then ran around into the next street, but when he reached there it was only to see the men running rapidly away in the darkness. Matthews shouted for help, and in a few minutes Policeman Haines, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, came to his aid. After awakening Postmaster Hefferman, who lives next door to the office, the policeman and the letter carrier started in pursuit of the robbers. For some distance it was easy enough to trace their footsteps in the rain-soaked earth, but the tracks were finally lost in a mudhole. Word was sent to the police, and in a short time six additional policemen were trying to track the robbers.

Post Office Was a Wreck. In the meanwhile an examination of the wrecked office had been made, and it was seen that the place was almost completely ruined. It will cost the Government at least \$1,000 to repair it. The heavy steel door of the big Marvin safe had been blown from its hinges, two small holes, one below and one above the combination lock, showed where the burglars had bored into the structure, and where they inserted the two sticks of dynamite. Letter boxes had been blown out and mail matter scattered right and left. On the floor lay a variety of burglars' tools, including four cold chisels, a brace, a chisel and heavy crowbar, a mallet, a small sledge hammer, a bit, an auger, a stick of dynamite and about half a pound of gunpowder. There was nothing about any of these tools which is likely to lead to the identification of the robbers.

There was in the safe at the time \$310, partly in postage stamps. Had not Mr. Matthews appeared when he did it would have been a comparatively easy matter for the men to have forced open the inner door of the safe and thus have secured the property. Post office inspectors are confident that the work was done by old hands; presumably by the gang that has been operating successfully on Long Island, Westchester and Southern Connecticut within the past year.

Rev. Louise S. Baker Dead. Nantucket, Mass., Sept. 20.—Rev. Louise S. Baker, the poet lecturer and pastor, for many years minister of the Congregational Church here, died yesterday in the little sailing hamlet of Salscombe, on this island. Miss Baker was an associate of Mrs. L. V. Loring and other members of the W. C. T. U., and for years was prominently identified with that movement.

Cardinal Satolli Takes Up Bicycling. Washington, Sept. 20.—The Papal Delegate to the United States has joined the ever-increasing army of wheelmen. A leading manufacturing firm recently presented one of its high-grade wheels to him, and he has attained such proficiency in the art of pedalling and balancing that he could well afford to appear on the street, but for the belief that it would not be the proper thing for him to do in Washington. Thus far his riding has been confined to his yard, but it is said that he will take his American bicycle with him to Rome, where it is not an uncommon thing to see high dignitaries of the Church on wheels in public places, and there make frequent use of it. The wheel was specially built for the Cardinal, and is of the type that women use, that being his preference, owing to his robes. The Cardinal is very enthusiastic regarding bicycling, and he is said to accompany him in his spins around his yard.

UNEARTHED MANY FRAUDS

Assistant Postmaster-General's Report Shows That His Subordinates Have Been Kept Busy.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The annual report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General H. A. Maxwell, made public today, is chiefly remarkable for its record of "brilliant" in connection with the mail service of the country.

The cases cited, some of them dating back a year or more, are replete with dime novel incidents. A few of the other notable cases referred to are the arrest of one of the most prominent of New England's clergymen for sending to members of his church defamatory postal cards through the mails; the arrest of E. M. Biore, formerly express messenger on the line of the Lincoln & Woodstock Railway; the important arrest of "green goods" swindlers in Chicago and other places; the breaking up of numerous schemes of defraud, and, finally, the apprehension of the murderer, H. H. Holmes, which was effected through the Post Office inspectors.

Two thousand and forty-six post offices have been established during the past fiscal year, and 1,700 were discontinued, a net gain of 206, the largest gain in the number of offices having been in Mississippi—eighty-three; Georgia following with fifty-four. The greatest loss occurred in West Virginia—twenty-three.

LITTLE STEVE'S TRAVELS.

Eleven-Year-Old Boy Ran Away from Home Last Thursday and Was Found Almost Dead.

Four boys, while playing about an unoccupied building at No. 501 West street, shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, found a small boy lying unconscious in the roadway. Patrolman Richard Moore, of the Charles Street Station, was summoned and an ambulance was sent for. Dr. Gerrity, of St. Vincent's Hospital, arrived in a short time and took the lad to the hospital. There he revived sufficiently to give his name and address. He said he was Stephen Hickey, eleven years of age, of No. 412 West Thirty-ninth street, and that he had run away from his home last Thursday afternoon.

He had been taken down to the street to look after his six-months-old brother, and didn't like the job. He and several other boys of the same age then started out on the intention of going West. That night his companions deserted him, and he was left alone. He walked to Brooklyn and remained there all night. He came to New York the next day, and at Gansvoort Market made the acquaintance of a farmer with whom he made a bargain to work.

The lad said he rode with the farmer to some place in New Jersey, the name of which he does not know. There his heart failed him, and he walked back to New York and begged for food on the way, and got little. He reached the city on Saturday afternoon during the downpour of rain, and had to seek shelter in the roadway. He was famished and so tired that he immediately fell asleep. The next he remembered was when he awoke to find the physician bending over him. He cried and asked to have his mother and father sent for. The physicians say he will be all right in a few days.

ENGINEER JUMPED IN TIME.

His Fireman the Only One Hurt in a Smash-up at Albany.

Albany, Sept. 20.—The passenger train which was due here at 8:30 o'clock this morning crashed into a train of flat cars which was being backed from a siding on to the main track below the curves near Menands. Engineer James Becker, of the passenger train, applied the air brakes and jumped. The train, William Graham, was not quick enough, and when the passenger engine was thrown into the ditch he went with it.

TOLD TO WORK FOR GOLD.

Chicago Company Accused of Using Its Agents to Convert Farmers.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—The Democratic Committee claimed yesterday it had received a copy of a circular letter which had been sent by the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, of this city, to its agents throughout the West, telling them to supply their travellers with gold literature and instruct them to use it among the farmers. J. A. Wilton, the agent of the company at Carthage, Mo., who received the copy of the letters, is said to have replied as follows: "You are on a cold trail. Missouri will give Bryan 60,000 majority. If these letters are written by authority of the company any Missouri farmer who uses a McCormick harvest machine deserves to sell his wheat for 40 cents a bushel."

"Denunciations to Listen to Speeches. An aggregation of talent will address the commercial travellers' meeting to-day. George E. Green, of Birmingham, will talk on gold, Charles R. Pope, who received a consulship for reciting Sheridan's ride at a Republican National Convention, and Jacob Temple, the "cannon ball" orator, of West Virginia, will also speak. J. B. Russell, Throckmorton will recite an original poem entitled "The Race of '96," which is dedicated to Mark Hanna. Simon Keeling, the child orator of the Bronx, is also scheduled to talk after the Throckmorton poem.

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS ARE SAFE FOR BRYAN.

In Ohio Republicans Are Armed; Democrats Confident of the Outcome.

Personal and Political Friend of McKinley's Dubious of Victory There

Governor Matthews and Mayor Taggart, of Indianapolis, Promise a Rousing Majority

FREE SILVER WINNING THE FARMERS.

The Visitors, with Other Good Hoosier Democrats, Are with a Delegation to Present the Indiana with a Silver Service.

Governor Claude Matthews, of Indiana, who arrived with a delegation of citizens from his State to present the warship Indiana with a silver service, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The Governor and Mayor Taggart, of Indianapolis, with other good Democrats of the State, feel confident of the election of Bryan. Speaking of the situation the Governor said: "Indiana is safely Democratic this year. By that I do not mean that we are going to stop work, but that it is considered safe and the work we will do from now on will only increase the majority. No one who has not been through the agricultural por-

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The following are the delegations which will arrive in New York during the week: Tuesday—a delegation of 600 from James T. McGinley, of the Republican Club of Indiana, Ind., and a delegation from Holmes County, O.

Wednesday—The First Voters and Veterans of Indiana, Ind.; the Republicans of Wood County, O., and the First Voters Club, of Bowling Green, O.

Thursday—Republicans of Westmoreland County, Pa., and the Republicans of Oil City, Pa.

Friday—Republicans of Crawford County, Pa.; Republican Club of Washington county, Ohio, and the Republicans of East Springfield, Pa.

Saturday—The McKinley Club, of New Kensington, Pa.; the Republican of Miami County, Ohio; the Wheelmen of Toledo, the Workmen from Jones & Laughlin's Pittsburgh mills; Republicans of the Western Reserve, Republicans of Ada, and the employees of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, of Columbus; the Combining Club, of Canonsburg, Pa.; the Illinois Travelling Men's Club, of Peoria.

Silver Republicans in a Row at a Utah Convention. Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 20.—Four conventions were held here yesterday, two Republican, one Democratic and one silver Republican. At one of the Republican conventions, called to choose delegates to the silver Republican convention, there was a row over the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Resolutions.

Armed silver men jumped to the platform, and, holding a large portrait of Major McKinley which adorned the chairman's table, proceeded to tear it to pieces. The McKinley followers rushed to the rescue of the picture and a free fight followed, which the sergeants-at-arms were powerless to stop. Finally peace was restored and the majority report, which favored the direct election of delegates by the convention, was adopted by a large majority.

FIGHT IN DEMOCRAT C CLUB. The Members Will Vote on the Committee's Report to-night.

There will be an interesting meeting of the Democratic Club held to-night at No. 617 Fifth avenue. The meeting has been called to receive the report of the special committee appointed to consider the question of endorsing the candidates and platform of the Chicago and Buffalo Conventions. The committee report will favor reputation, but a lively fight is assured when the report is submitted to the entire club.

A strong effort has been made by each faction in the club to get out the full membership. President Roosevelt P. Flower, who favors turning the club over to the Republicans, has succeeded in persuading the club to accept the report of the committee. He will resign the presidency and also his membership. There are many Tammany men in the organization, and they will vote to reject the report of the committee.

BELMONT BOLTS THEM ALL. He Announces That He Will Not Support Mr. Thacher.

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This view, held by Mr. Belmont, was given out yesterday and is taken as an indication of the plan of campaign to be followed by the Palmer-Buckner people who will, it is believed, put up candidates for all the offices to be voted for, including Congressional and legislative nominees, with the hope of dividing the Democratic vote.

Hole Smith Urges Loyalty. Dalton, Ga., Sept. 20.—Ex-Secretary Hole Smith spoke here yesterday. He referred to an address which he delivered here two years ago in favor of the gold standard. He argued that the Democratic National Convention should declare against the free coinage of silver. To-day he said he had not changed his views on the financial question, and he regretted that he could not endorse the financial plank of the Chicago platform. He stated, however, that those who, like himself, did not approve of this plank, should remain loyal to the regular nominees.

No Grew to Young Joseph Graff. Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Joseph Graff, fourteen years old, of New York City, who disappeared from Ithaca Friday afternoon, has not yet been located. His parents arrived here this morning, and the search is being conducted with renewed vigor. It is thought by some that he has run away, as he is dissatisfied with the idea of returning to school, and had been offered by a theatrical manager a place of no mean proportions, being an expert dancer.

Colonel Ingersoll Believes in Gold. Chicago, Sept. 20.—Colonel Robert Ingersoll has written to a friend in this city declaring that he is strongly in favor of McKinley and a gold standard.

SPRANG A LEAK WHEN BUT HALF LOADED.

Condemned Steamer Catherine Whiting Proved That She Is "Rotten."

Few Tons of Gravel Were More Than the Old Vessel's Timbers Could Stand.

Only the Incessant Working of the Pumps Saved Her from Going to the Bottom.

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WOULD BLIND A MAN TO WIN HIS LOVE.

Mrs. Harris Experimented with Carbolic Acid as a Philter.

John Schuss Was Enamored of a Younger Woman and Mrs. H. Was Desperate.

Followed the Young Man to His Mother's House and Threw the Stuff at Him.

FORTUNATELY HER AIM WAS BAD.

The Woman Had Been Divorced on Account of Schuss and Argued That if He Were Blind He Might Fake Up with Her.

Because John Schuss refused to love her and make her his wife, Mrs. Sarah Harris (three carbolic acid at him yesterday morning. Fortunately for Schuss, she was excited and her aim was bad. A few drops of the fluid struck his forehead, just over his left eye. The eye is badly inflamed and he displays some small scars on his skin, but his injuries are not serious.

Six years ago Schuss, who was then twenty years of age, secured a position as guard on the Second avenue elevated railroad. In order to be near his headquarters he left the home of his mother, at No. 235 Delancey street, and went to board at the house of Maurine Harris, a fruit pedlar, at No. 1019 Second avenue. He was the only boarder. Harris left the management of the house entirely to his wife, and she made everything comfortable. There were four children in the family, favorite playmates and friends of Schuss when he was out of duty.

Up to four months ago everything was serene in the Harris household. Then Maurine got jealous. She thought she saw indications pointing to an undue fondness for the boarder on the part of his wife. Both denied it, but Harris would not be convinced. He sued for a divorce, and Mrs. Harris made no defence. When he got his decree he asked for the children, and she gave them to him. But Schuss says she was working out a plot to get him to marry her and support the little ones, hoping to recover them when she became Mrs. Schuss.

After she gave up the children and her husband left the house the attentions of Mrs. Harris to Schuss became so pronounced as to excite comment among the Schuss is a handsome fellow, and has a sweet tooth in Essex street.

Objected the Divorcee's Attention. The means adopted by Mrs. Harris to show how much she thought of him made Schuss tired, and, as the Essex street girl objected to the home of Mrs. Harris as his boarding place, six weeks ago he packed his trunk and moved back to the home of his mother.

A few days after this Mrs. Harris made her appearance in Delancey street. She carried a basket and breathed vengeance. Several times she tried to force her way into the Schuss apartments, but some member of the family managed to keep her out. She waylaid John on the sidewalk in front of the house and ambushed him when he tried to sneak out through the alley. She paid a thimble across the street a dollar a day for the privilege of sitting at his front door and keeping her eye on the Schuss couple. In the course of time the entire

neighborhood became aware of the condition of affairs, and the outcome was awaited with interest.

On Saturday Mrs. Harris made several efforts to get into the house. When she went away in the evening she was mad. She stood out in the street and proclaimed to the multitudes around to "fix" John Schuss. "Yesterday morning John got out of bed about 5 o'clock. He dressed himself, and was combing his hair in front of the dresser in his room, when his mother came in to tell him Mrs. Harris was in the hall. Right after Mrs. Schuss came Mrs. Harris. She ran up behind John, put her arm around his neck and threw water in the hall. Right after Mrs. Schuss came Mrs. Harris. She ran up behind John, put her arm around his neck and threw water in the hall. Right after Mrs. Schuss came Mrs. Harris. She ran up behind John, put her arm around his neck and threw water in the hall.

"Hoped to Win His Love if Blind. "He refused to marry me," she said, "and I have fixed him so he'll never see another woman."

Samuel Schuss, John's brother, went for a policeman, who arrested the woman. The bottle containing what was left of the acid was found on the bed in Schuss's room. He also had a reflexion and tried to blind him. She announced that she loved Schuss to such a length that she could not live without him and she thought if he was blind he might marry her. In the Essex Market Court Magistrate Brann held her in \$500 bail for examination.

FRENCH SCIENTIST HERE. Arrival of Professor Moissan, Who Comes to Attend Princeton's Celebration.

Professor Henri Moissan, who started the scientific world some time ago by his success in the manufacture of diamonds by a chemical process, was a saloon passenger on the French steamer Las Gasconne, which arrived yesterday from Havre. He comes as the representative of the University of Paris at the sesqui-centennial (150th anniversary) of Princeton College, which will be celebrated on October 20.

Professor Moissan is a member of the Paris Institute, and of the Legion of Honor. He also belongs to the French Chemical Society. Besides his success as a creator of artificial diamonds the Professor is noted for a new process for the isolation of fluorine, and for the production of a number of new and useful chemical compounds hitherto unknown to scientists. His experiments with the electrical furnace have also proved successful, and scientific men have frequently quoted him as an authority.

At Quarantine Professor Moissan was met by Professor Humphreys, of Princeton, who boarded the steamer from the Health Officer's boat. Professor C. A. Doremus, of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, also met the Professor. Moissan is at the pier. While in this country he will be the guest of Professor Marquand, professor of arts at Princeton.

He was not inclined to discuss any of his remarkable discoveries yesterday, but said he would probably speak of some of them in his lectures at Princeton.

Mme. and Mlle. Moissan, wife and daughter of the chemist, accompanied him, and the family left on an afternoon train for Princeton.

YOUNG GREEN COMING EAST. Hetty Green's Son Gathering Political Points for Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 20.—Chairman E. H. B. Green, of the Texas Republican Executive Committee, and J. N. Hurston, of Indiana, visited Chicago on Friday for a consultation with Mark Hanna and General Payne, of the National Committee, they started eastward. On Tuesday Mr. Green will reach New York.

Whatever news Chairman Green has wired to his colleagues in Dallas must have been favorable, for a general feeling of confidence and satisfaction pervades headquarters. Chairman Grant, of the Bureau of Organization, has a large clerical staff at work getting out letters. He expects to mail over 10,000 letters next week to as many working Republicans throughout the State.

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Upon Examination at the Hospital Her Body Was Discovered to be Covered with Scars Caused by the Hypodermic Injection of Morphine—Facts Published as Warning to Other Women.

THE ABOVE HEADLINES RECITE THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE OF A POOR WRECK OF A WOMAN WHO HAD ONE HONORABLE AND LUCRATIVE POSITION IN A LARGE MERCANTILE HOUSE IN NEW YORK. HER HEALTH BECAME SO WEAK THAT SHE WAS OBLIGED TO RESIGN HER POSITION, AND INSTEAD OF TAKING REST AND PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT, SHE RESORTED TO STIMULANTS AND MORPHINE.

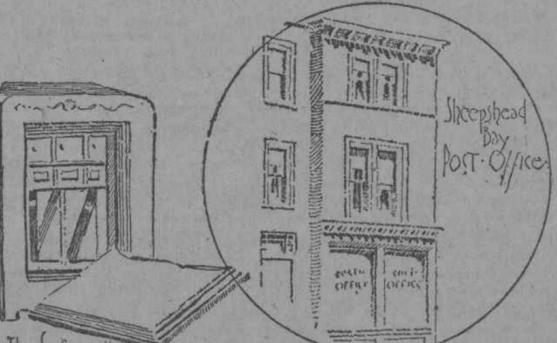
The hospital physician discovered that her primary trouble was an affection of the womb, which could readily have been cured in the first stages. If when she had first felt those severe pains in the back, the terrible headaches, the constant sense of fullness, soreness and pain in the pelvic region, she had heeded the warning that serious trouble was in store and commenced a regular treatment with the Pinkham Remedies, it said Mrs. Bertha Lehrman of Pittsburg, Penn., whose letter follows, the polypos in the womb would have been dissolved and passed away, and today she would have been a well woman.

Why will women let themselves drift along into terrible suffering and sickness in this way, when there is monumental proof that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is daily relieving thousands of women from this very trouble? There is no excuse for any woman who suffers to go without help. Mrs. Pinkham is very glad indeed to give her personal advice to any one who will write for it, and the following letter simply goes to prove that the Vegetable Compound will positively cure female ills:

Mrs. Bertha Lehrman, No. 1 Erie St.,

27th Ward, Pittsburg, Pa., writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I can hardly find words with which to thank you for what you have done for me. I suffered nearly seven years with backache and neuralgia, leucorrhoea and the worst forms of womb troubles. Doctors failed to do me any good. I have taken four bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and one box of Liver Pills and used one package of Sanative Wash, and now can say I am well and have been steadily gaining flesh; am stouter and heartier now than I have been for years. I am recommending your Vegetable Compound to my friends. Again I thank you for the good health I am now enjoying."

A STANDING INVITATION. Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely, any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.



The Safe After Burglary Left



Implements Left by Burglars



The Window by Which They Entered

