

LUETGERT HAS A BOLD DEFENCE.



But What It Consists of Is Kept a Mystery.

It Apparently Depends on Strengthening the Prosecution.

By Julian Hawthorne.
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 14.—The Luetgert case will not rest, even during the adjournment occasioned by the illness of a juror.
A new identification of a woman found in the woods in a dazed condition as Mrs. Luetgert was made this morning and denied this afternoon. That might have been expected. But there are other matters under discussion.
Two experts of the defence were overheard to admit to each other that certain of the State exhibits were probably human bones. They afterward declared that, if they had said it, it was only in jest, but there can be little doubt that the bones are really known to be human by the defence; there is no gainsaying such identification as the State has furnished. They fight against it only as a matter of form. But if they admit that the bones are human, do they not implicitly give up the fight? By no means, and here comes in the really interesting feature of their attitude.

What is the true defence to be? If it is so strong that Luetgert and his lawyers can afford to concede the genuineness of the State's evidence, and yet expect to defeat it, it must indeed be strong. Luetgert may not have many friends; but those that he has are apparently convinced of his innocence, and, moreover, are persuaded that he will be triumphantly and overwhelmingly vindicated. What is the ground of this singular feeling? We cannot suppose all Luetgert's supporters to be insane, or foolish, and yet, in the face of such a mass of evidence as the State has brought together, one would say that whoever believed Luetgert innocent must be out of his mind.

What will save him?
What is it? Some extraordinary secret? A secret, of course, there must be; and it is a well kept one. It is usual that the line of defence appears by deduction from the cross-examination of witnesses, but it has been commonly remarked during this trial that the defence, instead of breaking down the State's evidence, has actually helped develop its strong points. The lawyers for the defence have heard these criticisms, and yet they continue to follow the same course. Do they wish to prove the State's own case for it, in order to give greater effect to or make more irresistible in its logic the real plea they are preparing to disclose? Such a thing is unprecedented in a murder trial. Of course, persons supposed to be murdered have appeared in life and health; but it can hardly be supposed that the defence knows Mrs. Luetgert to be alive, and is able to lay its hands on her; they could not venture so to trifle with justice. No, the secret is not to be sought in this direction. The defence must intend to prove their case, without reference to whether Mrs. Luetgert be dead or alive. How will they do it?

Attorney Vincent is a lawyer of the highest professional repute, though he has not for many years acted in a criminal case. He is a man of honor and of brains; he would not defend this case if he believed his client guilty of the revolting crime charged against him; probably he would not defend him if he were not entirely assured of his innocence. But how can such a man be thus assured without good grounds for his assurance? We must suppose that he knows the "secret," whatever it may be, and that he finds it altogether satisfactory. Why should not that which satisfies him also satisfy us? It comes to this—the jury and every one else? To do that it must imply a state of things which makes Luetgert guiltless while admitting nearly all that the State has established. Mrs. Luetgert is last seen going into the factory with her husband; he is known to have that night conducted some mysterious experiments in a vat; in that vat and in the stuff taken from it are subsequently found the woman's rings and remains of her clothing, her flesh, and her bones—or a woman's flesh and bones, at any rate. The woman herself disappears and is not since been heard of. Luetgert is proved to have been on bad terms with his wife and to have been intriguing with other women. All this, or most of this, the defence seems ready to admit; it has, at all events, not succeeded in disproving a single item of it. And in the face of all this it has in reserve an explanation which will triumphantly acquit the sausage maker.

No Ordinary Deception Possible.
What can that explanation be? It will not suffice to suppose that the explanation is merely a story which Luetgert has told to his friends; for in a court of justice this story must be firmly supported at every point by the sworn testimony of witnesses. Luetgert has all along professed his desire to go on the stand and relate his version of the affair; but no fabricated yarn could stand for five minutes before a cross-examiner such as Mr. McEwee. The defence must know that, and could not build any hopes on the contrary hypothesis. Nevertheless, that it has hopes, which might be called enthusiastic, there can be little doubt.
What is their basis? Witnesses may injure themselves, either spontaneously or for money, but we can hardly have a whole army of witnesses, in this



Professor Bailey Identifying the Luetgert Bones.

country, to stand willing to commit perjury and risk the punishment that would follow the detection of such a conspiracy, in order to oblige a man who has no money and few friends, and who is not, at best, an engaging character by any means. No; the witnesses for the defence must believe what they are going to testify, and there must be at least colorable reason for their belief, or the lawyers for the defence would have found it out. What are, or can be, the assumed facts which their testimony is to substantiate? Not a single hint of anything that could for a moment be seriously regarded as adequate to warrant Luetgert's hopes has, at any stage of the proceedings, transpired.

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A magnificent collection of TABLE COVERS at VERY LOW PRICES.

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DECORATED TABLE LAMPS (like cut), complete with 8-inch globe to match base, central draft burner

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many years. For my part I am more inclined to think that even clever men may, by suggestion, sympathy, prepossession or the mere bias of partisanship, or by all these in combination, be misled in a manner that would seem incredible, in dispassionate moments, even to themselves, and just as no manager knows what a play is worth, no matter how often rehearsed, until it has been actually tried upon the public, so Luetgert's attorneys are unable to gauge the value of their theory until it has passed the test of the court. Luetgert, to my thinking, partly by lies, partly by reservations, partly by promises of personal revelations which will prove decisive, has contrived to create a delusion which is destined to suffer a disastrous collapse. It has happened before now that the clumsiest and most obvious deceptions have been for a time the most successful, but that time is limited; and in the present case may already be counted on one's fingers.

An afternoon paper prints a story based on an interview with Attorney Vincent to the effect that "Baronet" Owen and "Sir Richard" Quain will be summoned from London as experts in the defence in the Luetgert trial. The defence, it seems, has become exasperated with the way in which their anatomical authorities have been questioned, particularly Quain and Owen, and to set the jury right on the question and leave no blemish on the authorities, the writers thereof are to be summoned. The only thing that is needed is a continued illness on the part of Juror Fowler to give the two authorities time to come from London.

It is quite probable, however, that even if sufficient time is allowed to bring the two experts from Europe, both Owen and Quain will send their regrets, or rather their relatives will attend to that for them. Sir Richard Owen, the anatomist, died five years ago, of old age, and Dr. Jones Quain, to whom Attorney Vincent probably refers, died over thirty years ago, of indigestion.

Walking Delegates to Unite.
It was announced yesterday that the Boards of Walking Delegates of New York and Brooklyn, two of the most powerful building trade organizations in this country, are preparing to amalgamate. A conference for the purpose is to be held on Sunday in Central Hall, at No. 147 West Thirty-second street. At present the wages of the Brooklyn trades unionists are lower than they are in New York. It is not considered, however, that this will be much of a stumbling block in the way of a complete amalgamation.



The announcement of the first view of our Autumn Millinery contains a popular invitation to visit our Store and examine the collection.

It is a well known and generally admitted fact that our Millinery receptions display the largest and most varied collections of the richest and newest products of the world's best Milliners. These occasions have long since risen above the point of rivalry or comparison.

STORE NOTES UPON POINTS OF CURRENT INTEREST

The crowds that will come to the Millinery Show will, of course, desire to find the other attractions that are current at this season.

These columns give brief directions and suggestions.

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The Rotunda is bedight with the brightness of the gay Autumn Silks, for brilliant color marks the styles that are coming. Among them:

Grandmother's Samplers, checked conventional sorts of diamond plaid patterns, eight combinations, that could be described if time were unlimited for our writing and your reading. \$1.25.

Signal checked Taffets, with colors of green and red like the port and starboard lights, and wavy little stripes of black satin.

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The Rotunda is the Dress Silk Rialto.

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It was revolutionary. Turned the Bicycle business up-side-down. Matchless and incomparable, the Humber Wheels stand undisputed at the top.

The Humber company, with skill and foresight worthy of the Bicycles they make, have accepted the logic of trade events, and Wanamaker will in future distribute the Wheels in the country between Hartford, Conn., and Washington, D. C., and the radius of One Hundred miles in all directions from New York and Philadelphia.

Thus, the Humber Roadsters of 1898 will be

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Roadsters go down from \$115 to \$65.

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In the matter of Dress Goods we often use strong language—superlative assertion. Lately, to be sure of our ground, we have been making a comparative analysis of the Retail Dress Goods stocks with reference to our own in relation to the general market.

Result: A double assurance that an equal collection does not exist elsewhere. In Dress Goods there is an immense advantage to the consumer in buying from a great stock prepared exclusively for retailing. Add to this a stock that above all others is matchless for variety, you approach perfection.

Such conditions are here. Scores of splendid Novelties appear here simultaneously with Paris exhibitions—some anticipate them. The only trouble is that our show space is cramped. But some day that will be changed, improved, enlarged.

Here's a little special item. A little group of rich novelty fabrics at reduced prices. They came too late for the Spring trade, and too early to be counted, by us, new Autumn goods. Truth of the matter is, though, that no one but an expert could separate them from the latest Autumn Novelties. The smaller prices will help them to new owners quickly. Chances are we could sell them in a lump at wholesale for as much, if not more, than we ask for them at retail.

Two-toned Jacquard Poplins at 75c
\$1.25 Silk Stripe Boucle at \$1
\$1.25 Matelasse Poplin at 85c
\$1.25 Mohair Figured Armure at \$1
\$1.50 Fancy Figured Stripe Novelty at \$1
\$1.50 Silk and Wool Figured Novelty at \$1
\$1.50 Silk and Wool Matelasse at \$1
\$1.50 Camel's Hair Figured Novelty at \$1
\$1.75 Silk and Wool Matelasse at \$1
The Rotunda.

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OAK CHIFFONIERS, \$6.25
Fancy shaped top 19x34 in., 4 ft. 6 in. high, 5 large drawers in base (top drawer swell front), carved back.

OAK CHIFFONIERS, \$6.50
Top 33x18 in., 5 ft. 10 in. high, 5 large drawers in base, bevelled plate mirror, top 12x20 in.

OAK CHIFFONIERS, \$6.50
Fancy shaped top 18x36 in., 4 ft. 10 in. high, 4 large and 2 small drawers and hat cupboard in base, carved front and back.

OAK CHIFFONIERS, \$6.75
Top 33x18 in., 5 ft. 7 in. high, 3 large and 2 small drawers and hat cupboard in base, French bevelled plate mirror, top 12x18 in.

OAK CHIFFONIERS, \$7
Fancy shaped top 36x19 in., 4 ft. 10 in. high, 4 large and 2 small drawers in base, (2 top drawers swell front), carved back.

OAK CHIFFONIERS, \$7.25
Top 33x18 in., 5 ft. 10 in. high, 5 large drawers in base, bevelled plate mirror, top 12x20 in.

OAK CHIFFONIERS, \$9.50
Fancy shaped top 34x18 in., 6 ft. high, 3 large and 2 small drawers and hat cupboard in base, carved front and back, French bevelled plate mirror, top 12x20 in.

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NAPKINS
At 95 doz.—Bohemian, 22 in., strong and serviceable. Proprietors of boarding houses and hotels should note.
At \$1.25 doz.—German, 18 in., floral designs.

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At \$2 doz.—German Damask, 22 in., slightly and strong.

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At 10c yd.—Glass Towelling, heavy, 47 in. wide.
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At 12c each—Heavy Buck Towels, 18x38 in.
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AT \$10, REDUCED FROM \$16
113-piece sets of Austrian Crown China, blue and green flower decorations.

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