

Criminal Has Little Real Chance to "Win"

If individuals considering a criminal venture could walk through the big new Department of Justice building in Washington, and see for themselves what cards detective science has stacked against them, they might be warned off, says of them.

Over 4,000,000 fingerprints are on file there, so arranged that expert clerks can match a set of prints sent in for inquiry if they are among the 4,000,000. The office of information exchanges prints with 80 countries in keeping its files.

Nine thousand of the most notorious criminals in this country—bank robbers, kidnapers and others—are further catalogued in a single fingerprint file, where each of their ten fingers is separately indexed for ready reference. Dillinger thought he changed his prints, but the experts identified them on 300 unchangeable points.

In another file are cards showing over 5,000,000 names, nicknames and aliases. Nicknames have a way of sticking in the underworld. Government detectives have 30,000 aliases and nicknames at their fingertips. Brass Monkey, Boxcar Casey, Boozehound, Bowlegged Joe may be traced, though they change their real names a dozen times.

Another file shows typewriter standards, enabling investigators to find out what make of machine was used in a typed note. A toy typewriter figured in one recent case, but the office had not overlooked toys when it made up its typewriter file.

Handwriting and typewriting of criminals are also on file in those racks of green steel filing cabinets. Each individual typewriter reveals its identity by its mannerisms, no less than the human hand does when it signs a name.

A file of stationery, showing 25,000 water marks, is another ready reference aid that has trapped more than one criminal at government headquarters. The government's crime laboratory has equipment for reading invisible writing between the lines of innocent notes. It can even read writing on a "second sheet," where a pencil has pressed hard enough to leave invisible tracing. A machine projecting parallel beams of light re-

fects the shadows of this "invisible" writing. There is a trophy hall in the new offices of the government sleuths. Dillinger's straw hat and the can that held the Urachel ransoms money are there—visible reminders that the Department of Justice is getting its men.—Science Service, Kansas City Star.

LONG LIST OF HOME HAZARDS

Danger Spots Are Common in Every Household.

No, the most dangerous place is not some sinister, far away island, braved only by the intrepid explorer; nor is it some traffic death-trap guarded over by Bellona-bee-gang. It's where you'd least expect to find it, and one to which we all have access—the home.

Here are some startling figures which go to prove it. There are more than 1,800 fatal accidents yearly in the home. That is a greater toll than on the road, which is constantly the subject of legislation, and three times as many as in the industrial records.

Every year more than 800 women are killed by falling down the stairs, and a further 1,000 killed by falling over buckets and broomhandles in their own homes during their ordinary household routine.

"Mrs. Take-it-easy," is usually the victim and caustic comments are passed upon the ignorant, careless and thoughtless housewife. But is it fair to stigmatize as "Mrs. Take-it-easy," ignorant, careless, thoughtless, or lackadaisical the over-burdened woman who is running a home? She has a thousand and one things to remember.

"I can never cross the room without barking my shin on one of those confounded chairs," grumbles hubby. But his wife has to bustle about the house in which knobby chairs are a mere detail.

Stairs without a handrail or banisters missing, open fires, high windows, and cupboards of shelves, lack of space for work, awkward steps and dark cellars, are hazards faced by the housewife every day of her life.

Take, for example, the matter of window cleaning. The utmost care is taken in so far as window cleaning of shops, factories and offices is concerned, lest an accident lands the employer in a costly workmen's compensation case.

But within the home, the housewife mounts an unprepared box, a pair of rickety steps, or sits out on the window-sill—entirely at her own risk! Although there is no record of them in the press, for they are so numerous, thousands of legs and arms are broken every day through mats slipping from under the feet.

The long list of unpleasant contingencies is continued in the bath room; beautiful porcelain baths have been responsible for many casualties. Actual statistics of "bathing the children" tell us that placing feet on the soap in the act of getting into

quintance managed her husband's tin factory. When she heard that his outfit at the front could not communicate with headquarters for lack of telegraph wire she got hold of the proper machinery and turned to making telegraph wire.

Napoleon left a lasting imprint on the laws and customs of France. But it would have taken a greater force than the little corporal to stay the course of the French woman.

The French woman knows how vain men are. So she never makes a show of power. While she pretends to defer to her husband, she will let fall a suggestion which he will adopt as his own. And if she deceives him she is usually more subtle in her technique than was the willful Josephine. With all her legal disabilities she is happier than the American woman. For she is important in her husband's scheme of things twenty-four hours of the day.

In the final analysis the French woman makes a business of understanding men. Man is her meter.

French Women Wield Power Without Votes

Protecting Cables

Damage to cables laid on the sea bottom by the trawls of deep-sea fishermen has long been a serious and costly problem to cable companies. One such company has been spending an average of \$250,000 a year in repairing its cables. Now a "sea-plow" has been perfected which, towed along behind a cable-laying steamer, will bury a cable 18 inches below the ocean bed out of reach of all grappling devices and other fishing equipment.

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Gun-Running Profitable Gun-running is now one of the largest and most profitable international rackets. This fact is evinced not only by numerous captures and disclosures, but by import and export records that do not balance. Incidentally, the dividends of one leading European armament corporation increased 570 per cent between 1920 and 1930.—Collier's Weekly.

Deeds This world is long on excuses and short on deeds. This is the reason it can always find a place for the man who can do things. There are usually a hundred reasons why a thing can't be done, but only one way to do it. Find that way.—Grit.

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Americans to Restore Mayan City of Copan

The ancient Mayan city of Copan, in western Honduras near the Guatemala border, will be restored to its former splendor, as far as architecture goes, in the near future. Work will begin at once, it was announced by Julius G. Lay, retiring United States minister to Honduras. The restoration will be made by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, co-operating with the government of Honduras.

Copan was one of the largest and most ancient cities of the Mayas, whose civilization was among the finest developed on the American continent before the coming of Columbus. It was a great center of American culture in the early years of the Christian era in the Old world. In it was found the famous astronomical stone which revealed that the Mayas had as great a knowledge of astronomy as any people in existence at that time.

The city was abandoned to the jungle about 1,000 years ago, and lies well off the beaten track. Until about a year ago to reach it required a journey of two weeks by mule over the mountains. Now it is two hours by plane from Tegucigalpa.—Literary Digest.

City Still Spanish Most travelers who have visited both Spain and South America assert that Cartagena, in Colombia, is more Spanish in atmosphere than the cities of old Spain. The oldest living city of South America is as medieval as ever in its narrow cobbled streets winding about between old Moorish-Spanish houses, in its sixteenth century monasteries, old dungeons and moats, and the same grim fortresses which were attacked by Drake and Morgan and the buccaneers of the Spanish main.

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Never Fails "What cured him of arguing with his wife?" "Arguing with his wife."—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Dogs in Yokes Yokes similar to those farmers use to prevent cows from jumping fences are now being attached to dogs to keep them from running away. The yoke is fastened about the neck and can be adjusted so it does not interfere with the animal when it walks or trots, but begins bumping his legs when he starts to run. It is useful in training dogs to obey commands, and the animal soon learns to stop when ordered, after which the yoke can be discarded.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Rats Stop Automobiles On their way to a rubbish heap hundreds of rats crossed the highway at Loversall, near Doncaster, England, and caused a tie-up of traffic. Many of the rodents were killed before motorists could stop. Other drivers narrowly missed accidents on the slippery pavement.

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Interlude

By ROBERT McLAUGHLIN

See them when he turned the motor and quick finger bobbed in the light.

He was leaning back against a chair, her slim hands behind her, braced with a hand against the post, was Sid. His straw-gamin face white as a sheet in the light.

That was the first to notice Eddie's approach. She ducked under Sid's braced arm. "Hello, Eddie," she said doubtfully.

"You know it—well what's the matter," Eddie told him. "Now what?"

"Now, Eddie..." said Betty. Sid shrugged as a man does when faced with complete unreason. He flashed a smile at Betty and turned abruptly away.

"See, Eddie," said Betty. "We were only talking. What's wrong with that? I was waiting for you, Sid, and Sid just happened along."

"Come on," said Eddie roughly. "I don't know what's the matter with you," she said. "I'm old enough to take care of myself. What harm can Sid do talking to me in public street?"

"I don't want that wassel near you," snapped Eddie. "I've said it before and I'll say it now."

"I got kind of sick of this, Eddie," she said slowly. "It's no fun for me to work all-day and then wait till ten o'clock before you're through school. I don't mind waiting," she went on hurriedly—"but you ought to let me talk to someone."

"You can talk to people," he said in exasperation. "But why does it have to be Sid Wise?"

She shrugged. You acted the same way about Tony Herro and Buck Civak."

He stopped, took her arm. "Listen, Betty, you know what I want. I want to get us both out of this neighborhood. I'm graduating this year and can get a decent job. We'll get married and move up north. Until then you can at least clear of Sid and Buck and the rest of those hoodlums. That's all I want."

"Hello, beautiful," said Sid Wise. She stopped and he stepped from the car at the curb. Buck Civak was at the wheel.

"Where's Eddie?" asked Sid. "He's gone home."

"Well, well. Those students! Buck and me are going to the mainland; want to come along?"

"No, I'm tired," said Betty. "Come on, if you're going," called Buck.

Sid was lighting another cigarette. "Well?" he said.

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He was on his third cigarette when he said: "Ceep! I what's keeping those dolls. Honk the horn, Sid."

Betty's hand hesitated over the motor. He peered with sudden intensity at the house. "Say..."

"Ain't this the place where Eddie lives?"

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