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generally suspected that she must have had an appointment with some lover at that spot where she met with her death. Upon examining her box, the detectives found three notes in a strange handwriting, seemingly disguised, and only signed "G. L." These letters were evidently from an admirer. They were peculiarly disappointing, however for each contained only a few words, making appointments for meeting at various places, one appointment being for the fatal night at the spot where Webber's body was found. The writer of that letter was in all probability the murderer. Suspicion now centered around a young fellow in whose company Webber had been seen.

The day before the murder the suspected man had, it was developed, visited a shop to purchase a sheet of note paper. He had then asked for a pen and an envelope, and requested permission to sit at the counter and write a brief letter. When he had gone the shopman found a half sheet of paper left on the counter in the blotting pad at which the prisoner had been writing. This half sheet the man put back into the box with the other paper. The last note found in the dead girl's box, making the fatal appointment, was written on a half sheet of paper. This and the piece left by the accused man in the shop were put together. Microscopic examination revealed the fact that the two halves made one sheet. The man was executed.

A piece of paper played an extraordinary part in the trial of a Wiltshire farmer at the Salisbury assizes. The prisoner was charged with having sent an anonymous threatening letter to a neighbor. Witnesses acquainted with the prisoner's writing were called to prove that the letter was in his hand. Others, equally as well able to judge, declared that the writing was not his. But the prosecution had what appeared to be most conclusive evidence of the prisoner's guilt.

Three of these anonymous letters had been written on three pieces of paper, which had been roughly torn out of a single sheet. In a writing desk in the prisoner's house the detectives found a scrap of paper, which, when fitted with the three pieces on which the letters were written, exactly formed one sheet. The ragged edges of the different portions exactly fitted each other, and the watermark and name of the maker, which was divided into three parts, were perfect when the pieces of paper were placed together. The evidence appeared overwhelming, and the prisoner protesting his innocence, was sentenced to penal servitude. The prisoner was removed, when suddenly a person stood up in court and denounced himself as the real criminal. He was the son of the prisoner—a youth of eighteen.

He wrote upon a piece of paper from memory the contents of the three threatening letters. His handwriting was exactly that in the criminal epistles; mistakes in spelling which appeared in them were reproduced in the son's writings. He had, he explained, had access to the writing desk in his father's room, and had abstracted the paper from it. There could be no doubt of his guilt, and the father was pardoned while the son went to prison for seven years.

A piece of stamp sticking paper was the means of assisting justice to secure a notorious burglar named Berrett, who made a specialty of jewelry safe-breaking. He one night entered a wealthy gentleman's country mansion in Surrey, and working with his usual skill, he succeeded in effecting an entry into the safe and abstracting jewels worth several hundred pounds. In his operations on the safe, however, one of his tools inflicted a slight injury to one of his fingers, and Berrett, tearing off a piece of stamp paper from some he carried in his pocket, applied it to the wound. The remainder of the paper he accidentally dropped on the floor, where it was discovered by a detective. The next day Berrett was arrested. The piece of stamp paper he had put on his finger was still there and proved useful in obtaining him seven years penal servitude.

A piece of newspaper which had been used as a book-marker was one of the strong links in a chain of circumstantial evidence which brought Pontin, a train assassin, to his death. Pontin murdered a gentleman traveler in a French express, and having hid his victim as well as he could under a seat, alighted at a station and coolly walked away reading a newspaper.

M. Canler, the head of the French detective system, was quickly on the track of the imperturbable passenger and ran him down. The accused man had still in his possession the copy of a newspaper of the date on which the murder was committed, and there was a piece torn out of one corner. The missing piece was found in the pages of a novel in the victim's pocket. He had torn it off to make a marker of it! Pontin expressed much disgust at the folly he had been guilty of in appropriating the murdered man's newspaper and in preserving it. He explained to M. Canler, however, that he had become interested in the serial story that was running in the paper and had resolved to continue it.

HOT AFTER HOLMES.

President Roosevelt Denounces the Statistician as a scoundrel.

President Roosevelt, according to a Washington dispatch of Saturday, has determined that the scandal growing out of the cotton report leaks in the department of agriculture shall be probed to the bottom. He holds that the man or men responsible for the leaks are, even in a greater degree culpable than they would have been had they stolen money outright from the government. He proposes Assistant Statistician Holmes, against whom serious allegations are made, shall be punished if it shall be found possible to secure his arrest and conviction under present laws.

The president has followed the work of the investigation conducted by Secretary Wilson with keen interest. The general results have been presented to him, together with such recommendations as Secretary Wilson had to make. The president took prompt and decisive action. He referred the matter to the department of justice with instructions that it should be given immediate and careful attention. In accordance with that order, Solicitor General Hoyt is now making a thorough inquiry into the case. To re-enforce his formal order, President Roosevelt wrote the following pointed letter to Attorney General Moody:

"My Dear Mr. Moody: I most earnestly hope that every effort will be made to bring Holmes to justice in connection with cotton report scandal. Please go over the papers yourself. The man is, in my judgment, a far greater scoundrel than if he had stolen money from the government, as he used the government to deceive outsiders and to make money for himself and for others.

Sincerely yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

In response to the president's letter, Attorney General Moody replied:

"Dear Mr. President: I have received your letter of July 12 and note with care the anxiety you express that Holmes, the offending official in the cotton case, be brought to justice if possible. I have kept, through correspondence with the solicitor general, in close touch with this investigation. It shall receive my most earnest personal consideration. I will not now express an opinion, as I think it better to await the result of some investigations now in progress in the department of justice. At the first reasonable moment I will communicate to you the progress we have made and the prospect of indictments.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM H. MOODY.

Breaking Eggs for a Living.
(London Tri-Bit.)

A correspondent of a contemporary, who has been searching for the most monotonous method of earning a living, decides in favor of that of cracking eggs. "I met a man who said he was a biscuit manufacturer on a large scale, and was rather inclined to boast about the number of eggs—continental eggs—which his firm bought in the course of a year. Now, it seems that to avoid calamity, five eggs are broken into a bowl at a time before being added to the common stock. There are men, the old men, who do nothing else but crack eggs. They become so expert that a man can dispose of 1,000 an hour, or 10,000 a day.

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TOWN TOPICS BOOK DIDN'T MATERIALIZE.

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Richmond News-Leader.

No more of the well-known persons who have subscribed \$500 for "America's Smart Set" were found by the subpoena servers from the district attorney's office yesterday. They are pretty unanimously out of town, but Assistant District Attorney Krotel has been asked to send a picture of Charles H. Able, the solicitor for the Society Editors' Association, who is charged with attempting to blackmail Edwin M. Post out of \$500, to a well-known musician who is traveling in the West. A friend of the musician told Mr. Krotel that he thought the musician had met Able. If Able is the man the musician is willing to return to this city and assist in his prosecution.

It turns out that M. E. Wooster, manager of the Society Editors' Association, is the man who suggested the idea of getting out "Fads and Fancies," a biographical work, which Town Topics has contracted to publish. Wooster, Charles Stokes Wayne and W. L. Daniels were taken to the district attorney's office yesterday under subpoena and examined by Mr. Krotel. Wooster's story of his connection with the production of "Fads and Fancies"—which, by the way, hasn't left the printer's hands, although it was subscribed for two years ago—interested Mr. Krotel very much.

Wooster said that he was a solicitor for subscribers for "Fads and Fancies." Under the agreement he was to get 50 per cent of all subscriptions, after the expenses had been paid. The other 50 per cent was to be split up in thirds between Colonel William D. Mann, Justice Joseph M. Denel and Town Topics. Colonel Mann and Justice Denel are directors in the company that publishes Town Topics.

Each subscriber for "Fads and Fancies" put up \$1,500. Wooster says that when the subscription list was closed about a year ago there had been about 100 subscribers, which meant \$150,000. Daniels, who is treasurer of the Town Topics, corroborated Wooster's statement about the working agreement on "Fads and Fancies," but he couldn't tell exactly why the book hasn't appeared. Neither could Wooster. He quit the thing about a year ago and started the Society Editors' Association. Justice Denel, in a talk with Assistant District Attorney Krotel yesterday, said:

"When the subject of getting out 'Fads and Fancies' was broached, I was in favor of getting out the finest thing in the printer's art in the twentieth century. Each subscriber was to select the hide that his book was to be bound in. Hides were imported from all over the world, and in some cases out of a hundred hides inspected only one was selected. There were to be a limited number of copies of the book. After the supply for the subscribers had been turned out, a few extra copies for the Congressional Library were to be run off and then the plates were to be destroyed. I don't exactly know why the book has not been printed, as the subscription list was closed some time ago.

"About a year ago Colonel Mann heard that some of the overzealous solicitors for the book were using the name of Town Topics as an argument for the sale of the book. Colonel Mann wanted the book to stand on its own merits, and it was then decided that Town Topics would never again issue any such book. Then Wooster conceived the idea that he would start a book of his own called 'America's Smart Set,' and decided that it should have nothing to do with Town Topics."

Wooster told Mr. Krotel that he organized the Society Editors' Association, and the only other person who had any interest was Charles Stokes Wayne. He is the editor-in-chief and managing editor of Town Topics. The Society Editors' Association was never incorporated, nor was any statement filed with the county clerk telling the nature of the association's business.

"It was in the early part of 1904," Wooster told Mr. Krotel, "that I started the association. I went to Colonel Mann, of Town Topics, but he wouldn't have anything to do with it. Then I took Wayne in. At first I got

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subscriptions myself. I got ten or twenty in Newport. Then I hired two other men. A man we had in Chicago was fired because he tried to blackmail some one. In all we have collected \$20,000. Mr. Wayne got 10 per cent of the profit and I got the rest. None of the money ever went to anyone in the management of Town Topics. I don't know that Able ever got as high as \$1,500 for an edition, but he was authorized to go as high as \$1,000. He got several of those. That was in the case of a person who wanted to be mentioned in every chapter of the book—the editions call for twenty chapters. I don't know how much was paid for the first chapter, which is out, but you can see our books and accounts or anything you want. At first Able got 25 per cent on subscriptions, then he got 30, and at the end, when business wasn't good, he got 40 per cent.

Daniels said that when Colonel Mann declined to go into Wayne's scheme he took it up. He was then secretary and treasurer of Town Topics, and he thought it was a good thing. He had equal power with Colonel Mann and Justice Denel, he said, and he did what he pleased. He put up \$1,000 with the understanding that he was to get a bonus of \$1,500. He got his \$1,000 back, he said, and the bonus, except \$200. He was to be paid on the first contract, and when I got my \$200 I'm through," he said.

Wayne said that his income from the editors' was about \$25 a week. W. L. Allen, who wrote the first chapter on "Society in New York," sent to Wayne for his manuscript yesterday and got it back. He said he didn't want to have anything to do with the scheme.

Some of Able's friends said yesterday that he was thinking of telling what he knows about "America's Smart Set" to the district attorney. He is in the Tombs and nobody has offered to put up \$3,500 bail for him. "If he tells everything," said a friend, "there will be a scandal that will keep people talking for many days."

Abou Ben Adhem, Never Up
Baltimore American.

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