

THIEF SNARED BY POWDER SPRINKLED ON PURSES

A kind of powder that turns an indelible blue when it comes in contact with moisture, was successfully used by Scotland Yard detectives the other day in catching a thief who had been taking pocketbooks from a girls' school in London, says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

LOCK RELEASES GAS TO FOIL THIEVES

Fumes of penetrating gas are contained within the chain of a lock that an eastern inventor has introduced to discourage thieves, says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

"Lady Luck" And Superstition Play Big Role In Sport World

Superstitions Range From The Giant's Belief In Barrels To Helen Willis' Eyeshade.

(James Booth in N. Y. Times.) Pity the poor rookies at the training camp down south who returns to his hotel and tosses his hat or cap on the bed. He will be an out-cast among the other members of his team, for the theory of the baseball player is that Lady Luck demands a proper show of respect; and if one throws his hat or cap on the bed all in the room are supposed to pass under the power of the jinx.

playing a game without his tight-fitting Basque hat than a Wall Street broker would think of going to his office barefoot. Helen Willis contends that she simply cannot play tennis without her eye-shade. For years Molla Malloy, queen of the courts before Mrs. Willis, thought she could not play well except in a sweater.

Golf And Motor Races.

Golf, as well as baseball and tennis, has produced its superstitious players. Just before Jim Barnes was to play in the national open championship at the Columbia Country club at Washington in 1921, some one, failing to find a four-leaf clover, gave him the head of a red clover for good luck.

Baseball produces the most thoroughly superstitious group of individuals to be found in any sport. Wagon loads of empty barrels, cross-eyed men and a host of other phenomena are all believed to play an important part in the winning of games.

Eddie Plank, one of the greatest southpaws in the history of baseball, would never pitch a game unless he had a plate of tomato soup for lunch. Christy Mathewson would never warm up with the third baseman between innings, though he would throw the ball to any of the other players.

Peter de Paolo, won the American Automobile association championship in 1925, will not drive in a race unless he has a pair of baby shoes attached to his car. He found a pair in his machine one day when he was driving out to the track and tied one of the little boots to the radiator of his racing rig as a mascot.

Empty Barrels And Victory.

The Giants were in the midst of a losing streak some years back. No matter how wretchedly the opposing team played, the Giants came out on the short end of the score.

Then one day Iron Man Joe McGinnity burst into the dressing rooms at the Polo Grounds, his face wreathed in smiles. "We'll win today!" he exclaimed. "I just saw a wagon load of empty barrels!"

Iron Man Joe pitched and won his game. The losing streak of the Giants was broken. John McGraw, who understands a thing or two about psychology and who would much rather win a ball game than lose one, immediately hired a man to drive a wagon load of empty barrels around the Polo Grounds before every game, and the Giants kept on winning.

No. 1 Township News Of Interest

(Special To The Star.) There will be singing and preaching at Camp Creek next Sunday night. Singing begins at 6:15. All singers invited.

A number of people of this community attended the funeral of Rev. C. M. Rollins at Mt. Vernon Sunday evening.

The many friends of Mr. Grady Jones will regret to learn of his serious illness with double pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holder spent Sunday with Mrs. Holder's brother, Mr. Onzir Potter of State line.

Mr. Archie Humphries of Cliffside, visited Mr. Emmitt Byars Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey and family spent Monday with Mr. Rome Davis.

Mr. Dell Scrugg of Cliffside, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Willie Byars.

The friends of Miss Eloise Hamrick are glad to hear that she is improving after an operation at the hospital at Gaffney, S. C.

Miss Inez Davis spent Monday night with Miss Beola Bailey.

Mrs. B'ain Davis has been on the sick list for seven days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCraw of Gaffney spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Dee Byars spent Saturday with Misses Onie and Floy Humphries.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jolley announce the birth of a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooker Self were visitors in Cliffside Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ledford announce the birth of a daughter.

Misses Elsie and Julia Green of Cliffside spent the week-end at Mr. Bulalo Earls.

Mr. and Mrs. Epton Jones announce the birth of a boy.

Miss Dalton who is teaching at Holly Springs during the illness of Mrs. Beason spent the week-end with home folks, at Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Byars spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Brooker Self.

Mr. and Mrs. Rome Davis spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Thamer Humphries.

Mrs. Clint Humphries and family spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. George Jolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Allison of Chesnee, S. C., spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. Ferman Hopper entertained a number of friends with a singing at his house Saturday night.

A number of people heard the Sharkey-Stribling fight over the radio at Mr. Surr Bridges last Wednesday night.

TENNIS GUN HELP PLAYERS PRACTICE HARD STROKES Tennis players can practice without an opponent by means of a gun that hurls balls at them from across the net, say Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Live News Of The Oak Grove Section

(Special To The Star.) The Oak Grove C. E. society is progressing nicely.

The many friends of Mr. John D. White are sorry to learn he has pneumonia although he is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. J. P. Keiver and little grand daughters, Annie Maie and Helen Louise of Asheville and Mr. Robert Lawrence of Canton spent the week-end with Mrs. Keiver's brother, Mr. R. J. Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gold of Morganton spent Sunday with Mr. Gold's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Gold.

The many friends of Mr. Carmie Rudasill gladly welcome him back in our community.

Misses Vira Crowder and Marie Pendleton attended the funeral of Miss Belle Rudasill at Bethlehem church in Lincoln county Monday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Ridge and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Lem White Sunday afternoon.

Misses Pearl and Ethel Norman visited their sister, Mrs. Roland Norman in Lawndale Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Colen Gettys of Charlotte visited Mrs. Gettys parents Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Whisnant visited Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence Sunday.

Misses Linder and Marie Pendleton and Vira Crowder visited friends in Morganton Wednesday.

The many friends of Mr. J. P. Lucas are very sorry he is sick at this writing.

Those who attended the funeral of Mr. McSwain at Pleasant Ridge from our community were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pruett, Mr. John Harrell and Miss Cora Wilson.

Miss Louise Patrick spent the week-end at home with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Patrick.

Misses Eva and Julia Wright and brother, Doherty Wright were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gladden.

Mr. Cree Hamrick who has been sick is better at this writing.

Mr. Floyd Queen is spending a few days with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Queen at Grover.

Mr. Everet Brooks of Double Springs community spent Sunday

afternoon with his cousin, Mr. Virgil Brooks.

Mrs. B. C. Queen and children spent Sunday with her niece, Mrs. Cree Hamrick.

Mr. Major Philbeck has been ill for some time. We are happy to say is improving.

Miss Pearl Wallace who has been confined to her room since Christmas is improving.

Mr. R. B. Patrick is sick with cold at this writing.

Mrs. Baxter Milkey and little daughter Bertha were the spend-the-day guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pruett.

Misses Ruby and Aldon Lemons of Bolling Springs spent the week-end with their cousins, Misses Gladys and Selma Lemons.

Mrs. E. L. Holland has returned home from the Shelby hospital where she underwent an operation for head trouble. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Janie Wilson who is attending school at Bolling Springs junior college spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. D. D. Dodd is sick at this writing.

MILLION-VOLT ELECTRIC FLASH TESTS INSULATORS To determine the effect of lightning on bushings and insulators, experiments have been conducted in an eastern laboratory with an artificially produced flash of 1,000,000 volts, says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Wet weather conditions were simulated by spraying a stream of water upon the unit under test while the electrical charge was on.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY. Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by R. C. Hicks (unmarried) on the 9th day of July, 1926, and recorded in book 141, page 117, we will on Saturday the 30th day of March, 1929

12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Shelby, Cleveland county, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land to-wit:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land, lying in Number Nine township, Cleveland county, state of North Carolina, containing 128 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described and defined as follows: Beginning at a pine stump, D. R. Hoyle's heirs corner, and runs with their two lines N. 40 E. 40.3 poles to a stone; thence N. 77 1/2 W. 65 1/2 poles to a pine stump; thence with Lewis Evans' land S. 39 1/2 W. 39.9 poles to a stone; thence N. 79 1/2 W. 56.3 poles to a stone; thence N. 77 W. 28 poles to a stone, Everard Killigree's corner; thence with his line N. 72 W. 62 poles to a stone; thence N. 77 W. 17 1/2 poles to a grassy branch; thence down the branch 10 poles to the road; thence with A. S. Peeler's line N. 68 1/2 W. 12 poles to a hickory; N. 25 W. 9 1/2 poles to a stone; N. 77 West 25 poles to a persimmon, Amie Peeler's corner; thence with her several lines S. 10 E. 28 poles to a stone; W. 13 poles to a pine; S. 10 E. 13 poles to a stone; thence E. 13 poles to a stone; thence S. 85 E. 28 1/2 poles to a stone in the old road; thence with the old road S. 5 W. 25 poles to a stone; thence S. 29 E. 17 poles to a stake

in a branch; thence S. 6 E. 9 poles to a holly bush, W. J. Carter's heirs corner; thence with their lines N. 8 E. 36 poles to a pine stump; S. 77 E. 98 1/2 poles to a stone; thence S. 1 pole to a stake, Charles Elliott's corner; thence with his line S. 81 E. 29 poles to a stake; thence S. 17 1/2 E. 12.3 poles to a stone, M. G. Canipe's corner; thence with his line S. 78 1/2 E. 58.2 poles to a stone; thence S. 28 E. 26 poles to a stone; thence S. 75 E. 64 poles to a rock; thence with J. E. Hoyle's line N. 5 W. 36 poles to a stone; thence with his line N. 22 1/2 W. 52 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 128 acres, more or less. Reference is hereby made to the following deeds: B. C. Hicks, widower, to R. C. Hicks dated March 18, 1926, and recorded in book No. 3-T, page 54; O. R. Canipe and wife, to R. C. Hicks, deed dated November 6, 1917, recorded in book CCC, page 265; C. S. Lee and wife, to R. C. Hicks, deed dated March 22, 1926 and recorded in book 3-R, page 593, all of the Cleveland county registry.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of R. C. Hicks (unmarried) to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust to the North Carolina Joint Stock Land bank of Durham. A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale.

This the 1st day of March, 1929. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DURHAM, Inc., Trustee. Durham, N. C. Bynum E. Weathers, Atty.

Eskridge News

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We are glad to have Mr. T. H. Burkhardt with us, he sure showed good judgment by connecting with Cleveland Cloth Mills and buying a Model "A" Ford Coupe and Shelby welcomes men like this.

Man-Did they offer you anything on your old car. Owner-Sure did. They took one look and offered up a prayer.

"Customers push my goods for me," said the manufacturer. "What line are you in anyway," asked the jobber. "Baby Carriages," was the reply.

A few more Wise Buyers: Chas. M. Carson, Standard Coupe. Romeo Eaker, Sport Coupe. Flay Edwards, Fordor Sedan. T. P. Cottle, Sport Coupe. Lathan Wilson, Tudor Sedan. J. L. Hopper, Phaeton. H. S. Speck, Tudor Sedan. A. Blanton Gro. Co., Truck No. 2.

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T. P. Hamrick, Fordor Sedan. George Martin, Fordor Sedan. J. L. White, Tudor Sedan. B. G. Queen, Tudor Sedan. H. E. Whisnant, Tudor Sedan. J. C. Weathers, Truck. T. Z. Bumgardner, Truck. A. P. Shytle, Tudor Sedan.

He was an engineering student and left blue prints on her neck.

Mother-Why, Grace, how in the world did you get so messed up while riding? Grace-I rode in the Rumpel seat.

Bill-What is the hardest thing you ever did? Will-Make ten easy payments.

You are invited at all times to inspect our Parts and Service Department. You will find it interesting. Come in and look it over.

Twitty Green of the Palace Barber shop knows his razors and autos. Get a shave from Twitty and ask him about his new Ford Roadster.

Don't forget the wonderful Lincoln Salon in Ball Room of Charlotte Hotel at Charlotte next week from 11th to 17th. Phone 241 and we will take you down.

Dock Willis is also an Auto Expert and now the happy owner of a Ford. Try his Barber Shop and let him tell you what he thinks of the New Ford.

If you haven't driven a Model "A" Ford you have missed a great thrill. Ask us to send one around and take a ride and do your own driving. You will be delighted and surprised.

Mr. Ray Ahearn an expert pilot making the Shelby Airport headquarters is now the proud owner of a New Ford. If you don't like flying try a Ford.

Friend-What makes you think there is something wrong with your family? Man-Well, we got the Car all paid for and they're not figuring on a new car yet.

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CHAS. L. ESKRIDGE FORD PRODUCTS

A POORLY FERTILIZED CROP MEANS A HALF-GATHERED CROP. No man leaves a part of his crop in the field to rot. But what about that part of the crop which never grew? In every poorly fertilized field a part of the crop is never made. You plant it. You cultivate it. You work with it from sunup to sundown. But you don't gather all of the crop you might have made. Why? Because it couldn't grow. There wasn't the right kind of plant food in the soil to finish the job you started. But your fields need not cheat you this year. See to it that there is plenty of Royster's in the soil. USE ROYSTER'S FOR RESULTS. Every year thousands of big money crops prove that Royster's is the ideal fertilizer. Royster materials are always the finest, gathered from the four corners of the globe. But it's the wonderful Royster formulas that take these choice materials and put them into the form that plants like best. Perfectly blended, perfectly aged, perfectly balanced. To be sure of getting yours when you want it, see the Royster dealer now and leave your order with him. LOOK FOR THIS SIGN WE ROYSTER FIELD TESTED Fertilizers

Bob Shawkey, formerly with the Yanks, would not think of pitching a game if he weren't wearing his famous red flannel shirt, no matter how hot the day. Grover Cleveland Alexander is never without chewing gum. He believes he would be knocked out of the box unless he chews while pitching. Davy Bancroft always sticks a piece of chewing gum on the end of his bat, it helps him with his batting average, he asserts. Butch Henline, the Brooklyn catcher, has seven mitts and always carries them to the field with him. Eddie Rommel of the Athletics draws the line at autographing baseballs. He wrote his name on a ball once before a double-header. The A's won the first game and Rommel started to pitch the second, but was knocked out of the box. He blamed it on the autographing. A bat has only a certain number of hits in it, according to the theory of the ball players. That is why the average player will not allow any one else to use his bat. He is not afraid that if another player uses it, fewer hits will be left for its owner. Lining Up The Bats. Another superstition makes necessary an extra employe of the team. Unless the bats are kept carefully aligned in front of the dugout, the belief goes, the team will have had luck. A boy is always on hand who does nothing but keep the bats lined up properly. The Athletics of 1910-1914 did not have much faith in the theory, however. They believed that, if they messed up their bats, luck would come their way. During a rally they would throw their war clubs about and juggle them into complete confusion. Dreams can throw a whole club into a fit of nerves. To dream of exceedingly bad luck to come. Then there is the little matter of the proper approach of the batter to the plate. He should, by all the rules of luck, pass back of the umpire if he is to get a base hit. Baseball has no corner on superstitious athletes, however. Tennis players also have their superstitions. Jean Borotra, the famous French ace, would no more think of

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