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BILLY BURKE, THE BURGLAR'S BANE.

He Wore Too Many Disguises to Succeed as a Store Detective.

Harry A. St. John of New York city, read "Old Sleuth" books till his mind was full of detective knowledge. He had almost as many disguises as Old Sleuth wore, and he became the most daring, original and ingenious detective that New York has had since Old Sleuth went out of business.

A few days ago he entered a large dry goods store in Harlem, and with an air of profound mystery handed the following letter to the proprietor:

To whom it may concern: This will introduce to you William Burke, the celebrated shoplifter detective. He has been on our force for years; has worked for Macy and Ridley's with Nellie Bly. He has caught more shoplifters than any man in the business. Hoping you may use him, I remain

THOMAS J. BYRNES, Superintendent of Police Department.

St. John wore two overcoats and showed a collection of false whiskers and wigs, which, he said, were his favorite dis-

A FAVORITE DISGUISE.

guises. His skill as a detective seemed to be of a very high order, and the merchant was so favorably impressed by him that he hired him at $5 a day. He supposed that the letter signed with Superintendent Byrnes' name was genuine.

St. John went right to work, and in half an hour he was walking about the store, with red Galway whiskers, disguised as an Irish immigrant just from Ellis island. Twenty minutes later he appeared as a farmer, with a carpet sack, from Chautauqua county. Half an hour afterward he was strolling about the store disguised as an Avenue A beer saloon keeper.

The clerks began to laugh at his numerous and comical disguises and at the great air of mystery he wore. By 4 o'clock in the afternoon he had appeared in about a dozen different disguises.

The merchant showed the letter to the superintendent of the store, who suspected at once that it was fraudulent and decided to communicate with police headquarters.

Detective Trainor went from the central office to the dry goods store in Harlem and found St. John hard at work disguised as a Persian traveler. He questioned the imitator of Old Sleuth, and St. John told him that he was a celebrated detective, and that the secret of his great success was the great variety of disguises which he wore. He said he was known to crooks as "Billy Burke, the burglars' bane." The real detective arrested the follower of Old Sleuth and took him to the Harlem police court.

The prisoner's father, a respectable citizen, said that his son had been reading detective stories for many years and imagined that detective work was his chosen calling. Being out of a job, he had eagerly sought an opportunity of making $5 a day. Young St. John was held for trial.

HAS FIVE LIVING WIVES.

William Dubois Shows Unusual Aptitude For the Gentle Art of Matrimony.

Five wives without death or the formality of a divorce is the record credited to William Dubois, who languishes in jail at Tioga, N. Y., charged with bigamy. Some men move to save paying rent, but if the stories told about William are true he found that judicious moving is better than divorces, at least cheaper.

Dubois appeared at Tioga Center about the first of December and secured employment as a veterinary surgeon and horse trainer from John E. Pembleton. In the latter's family Alice Taylor resided as a domestic. The horse trainer and the girl became acquainted, and as he appeared to be an impetuous lover the wedding day was soon set for Dec. 15. He said that he

WILLIAM DUBOICE.

came from Addison, and letters of inquiry were sent to that village to ascertain his history. No response being received before the day and hour fixed upon for the wedding, the two were duly married by Rev. Ziba Evans. Late that afternoon Mr. Evans received a letter from an Addison clergyman—Rev. W. A. Decker—stating that Duboice had at least one wife and was wanted on two warrants.

He was arrested that evening, and subsequent investigations revealed the fact that at the time of his wedding to Alice Taylor Duboice he had four wives living—one at Jasper, N. Y.; one at Merchantville, N. Y.; one at Wilkesbarre and one in Potter county, Pa. He is a short, dark complexioned man about 30 years old.

On His Knee Mayhap.

They sat at opposite ends of the sofa.

"Be mine," he pleaded.

"I am not in a position to entertain such a proposal," she answered coldly.

He was not of the sort of man to require the impact of a tabernacle falling on his head ere he would tumble, and he shortly effected a rearrangement of positions mutually satisfactory, and of a nature to facilitate the matter in hand.—Detroit Tribune.

RAILROAD STORIES.

YARNS OF A TIME WHEN THE ERIE WAS A SINGLE TRACK LINE.

The First Use of the Telegraph In the Running of Railway Trains—What a "Snake Spiker" Was—How the Bellrope Came to Be Used—Sounding Wheels.

"Charley Minot had his little tussle with one of his engineers about running a train on telegraph signals along in 1851," said a veteran railroad engineer recently. "The Erie was a single track then of course, and the magnetic telegraph, as it was called in those days, was a new and in many respects an untried thing. The Erie had put up a line along its road as had other railroads, but the telegraph had never yet been applied by any road to the running of trains. Engineers and conductors ran their trains according to schedule, and if it was down on the schedule that they were to lie at a certain place or spot on a siding or turn out until another train, running in an opposite direction met and passed them, there they would lie if the other train did not put in an appearance for a week. This resulted in great delays in the traffic of the road, and soon after the putting up of the telegraph line Superintendent Minot made up his mind that by its use that evil could be done away with and the whole existing system of railroad transportation be revolutionized.

"He was timid, though, about making the venture, but one day he happened to be on a train bound for Elmira, which was the terminus of the road then. This was in the summer of 1850. Big Ben Sholes was the engineer. When they got to Turner's station they found that the train from the west which was to meet and pass them there was half a day late. That was the opportunity for Charley, and he made up his mind to settle the question of running trains on telegraphic order right there and then. He sent a message to the agent at Port Jervis notifying him that the train would leave Turner's and run to Port Jervis on the time of the belated east bound train. The engineer refused point blank to pull out on a track over which a train coming toward him had the right of way, although that train could by no possibility get onto that track in the meantime.

"Such a proceeding was unheard of, and he wouldn't let his train take the risk. Thereupon the superintendent discharged him on the spot and ran the engine himself not only to Port Jervis, but to Narrowsburg, 35 miles farther on the journey, where the overdue train was met and passed. The passengers thus escaped hours of delay, and from that time the telegraph order on railroads not only in this country but everywhere where there are railroads became the rule, and the science of railroading was advanced a quarter of a century at a bound.

"Speaking of 'snake heads,' there's something the present time railroader or railroad traveler knows nothing about. One of the most important employees of a railroad in the old days was the 'snake spiker.' When the rails were simply iron straps spiked to wooden stringers, the straps in time worked loose, and the ends where they were joined together curled up and looked like a big snake with its head raised a few inches from the ground. Hence the name, and the snake spiker was a trusted man who had a certain section of track which he was detailed to patrol, with a sledge hammer and a leather bag with new spikes in it slung by a strap over his shoulder. He was to keep a sharp lookout for snake heads, for they were dangerous things for a train to come in contact with, and when he found one, spike it down flat to the stringer again. The safety of life and property on railroads depended in a great measure on the vigilance of the snake spiker. And it was over such rails as those that the boys of the old days had the nerve to push their engines a mile a minute.

"Then there's the bellrope and the sounding of car wheels with a hammer when a train stops at a station. It was funny how the use of the bellrope originated. The introduction of car wheel inspection was the result of a catastrophe—the first really terrible railroad accident in the country.

"The pioneer conductor of the Erie railway was Poppy Ayers, and he ran on the road when its whole working length was between Piermont and Turner's, and there was good room for doubt whether it would ever get any farther. Nobody ever bothered about buying a ticket in those days, but paid his fare to the conductor. Once in awhile the conductor found it desirable to eject some would be deadhead passenger while between stations, but as there was no means of letting the engineer know about it except by sending a brakeman forward, and as he generally had to climb over a lot of freight and produce cars before he could attract the attention of the engineer it frequently happened that the train reached the refractory passenger's station before it could be stopped. Poppy Ayers lost a good many fares in this way, and he got tired of such unprofitable railroading. So he hit upon a plan to do away with future trouble on that score.

"One day he tied a stick of wood to one end of a long rope, hung the stick on the locomotive, where the engineer could see it, and carried the rope back over the cars to the rear car and made the end fast there. His idea was to pull the rope and agitate the stick of wood when he wanted the engineer to stop the train. In those days the engineer considered himself the man who was supreme on the train, and this particular engineer resented this plan of Poppy Ayers' as making him subordinate to the conductor, and he chucked the stick of wood overboard the first time it was put in use and went on with his train. When they got to Turner's, Poppy Ayers pitched in and gave the engineer the worst kind of a licking, put the stick of wood back on the engine, and it worked to a charm. This led to the introduction of the bellrope on railroad trains.

"Soon after the Erie was finished to Middletown in 1843 the first regular pleasure excursion ever run on the road started from Middletown for the Elysian fields, the famous old time pleasure ground near Hoboken. The excursion was got up by Professor McGregor of the Middletown academy. The train was filled with passengers. The wheels on railroad cars were then made with cast iron spokes after a plan devised by Ross Winans. One of these wheels broke while the train was running at a high rate of speed, and several of the cars were thrown down a high embankment near Seamansville. Several of the excursionists were killed, one being a bride who, with her husband, was making the excursion her wedding trip, and a number were badly hurt, some fatally. That was the first casualty of the kind in the history of railroads. It was discovered that the wheel that broke had been cracked for some time. From that accident the now universal rule of sounding car wheels with a hammer at stated points came to be adopted, a rule that has saved many lives and much property. The accident also led to the abandoning of the spoked wheels and the introduction of the present style of car wheels."—New York Sun.

Luring Butterflies In Town.

A suggestion that valerian should be planted to attract the butterflies in our parks is made by Mr. A. Hensman, who attributes to the valerian in Regent's park the profusion of butterflies there. He says: "Several species of the common white butterfly are to be seen every year all over London, but such a variety of the vanessidi I never saw before. The painted lady, large and small tortoise shell, red admiral and the lovely peacock butterfly literally swarmed on the valerian, which is so attractive to these species. I counted on one small patch which I could have covered with my hat four of the above named species."—London News.

WHAT THE CHINESE EAT.

Their Breadstuffs Seem Sad, Solemn, Sodden and Bilious.

A member of the English parliament, Florence O'Driscoll, has a lively paper in The Century describing life and street scenes in Canton. Mr. O'Driscoll says:

The food purveyors made a most striking display; the fruiterers exposed on flat trays bananas, pineapples, melons, figs, pears (the latter beautiful to the sight, but hard and tasteless), together with many Chinese fruits, whose shapes and tastes were familiar to me, but whose names I knew not. Some of these fruits were most artistically peeled, pineapple peeling being quite an art. A great variety of vegetables was offered for sale. Among them were the white shoots of the bamboo, which seemed to be a favorite article of diet. But to what use indeed may not this wonderful grass be put? From it Chinamen make almost everything conceivable—hats, cloaks, sheets, carpets, roofs, buildings, baskets, chairs, carrying poles, fishing tools; the list might be prolonged ad infinitum. And then they eat it as well.

Preserving ginger in many forms was a noticeable trade. The roots were washed and left in water, as an English cook treats potatoes before boiling them. A number of men and women holding a two pronged fork in each hand sat around a table with the tubs of peeled ginger beside them. They picked ginger roots out of the water, and laying them on the table pierced them all over very rapidly with both forks until quite soft. The pierced roots were then put into another tub, where they were boiled in sirup. The ginger went through various other minor processes until eventually it was packed in the earthenware jars in which it is sold in European shops. The whole process was certainly a clean one, and the smell of the aromatic root in preparation was both grateful and pleasant.

In the bakers' shops I saw nothing corresponding to our European loaf. Solid looking little yellow patties, slabs of flabby brown cakes, emblematic of concentrated dyspepsia; scones or an equivalent, apparently of fried batter, and great flakes of milk white, slippery looking paste not above an eighth of an inch thick—to be rolled up and deftly sliced with a cleaver shaped tool into long strings like macaroni. These foods were to be seen everywhere in the city, but nothing light and open. To my eyes the breadstuffs seemed sad, solemn, sodden and bilious.

A Word About the Russet Shoes.

A fashion writer in a morning contemporary asks:

"What is the attraction which brown leather boots seem to possess for both men and women, young and old? This year they have made their appearance not only considerably earlier than usual, but also in larger numbers than ever before. Some declare that they are more comfortable, but experience hardly bears out that impression. A brown boot can never be so pliable and so easy as one of black leather, moreover, the brown boot is distinctly less becoming than the black."

The writer of this must have had a singular experience with brown leather. The russet shoes are worn by most people because they are softer and more pliable, and above all because the pores of the leather are not tightly closed as they are in patent leather, and in all black leather that is subjected to polish blacking. The difference in comfort in hot weather between a ventilating russet shoe and impervious patent leather is quickly obvious when a change is made from one to the other. The summer dress of Americans has tended to comfort in all respects during the last few years, and no two innovations have added more to a mitigation of hot weather discomfort than the brown shoe and the unstarched fine cotton shirts for gentlemen. —New York World.

Part of a Talk With Edwin Booth.

"Did anybody ever tell you you looked like Edgar A. Poe?" I asked.

"No," replied Booth, "but the other day in passing up Broadway I was attracted by a portrait in a window which I took for mine, but which was Mr. Poe's. I am a great admirer of him. By the way, do you know that he was a grandson of Benedict Arnold?"

"No."

"Well, he was, or at least he claimed to be. In a conversation between Poe and Tom Placide, an old actor, Poe asserted that his mother, whose maiden name was Arnold, was the illegitimate daughter of Benedict."

"But Poe was greatly given to romancing about himself," I explained.

"But would a man romance in that way about himself?"

"Most men would not, but Mr. Poe would."—Utica Observer.

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Baptised After Death.

A queer story comes from Eagle Cleft, a small settlement on Lookout mountain. Several weeks ago J. W. Masser was very ill with fever. He wanted to be baptized, and as this could not be done during his illness he requested that as soon as he died his body be immersed. He said he neglected it during his lifetime and wanted his dead body baptized. A few days ago he died, and on the day of the funeral, at Hixon's Grove, the Rev. W. J. Drennan immersed the corpse in the presence of a large crowd of people. The body was then put back into the coffin and laid in the graveyard.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Taken on New Ways.

The cigarette manufacturers have hit upon a new advertising dodge. Thus far it flourishes only in New York, but there is some danger of it spreading. They hire pretty girls to parade the parks and the principal avennes and display cigarette signs. It has reached such proportions that the police have been called upon to drive them out of Central park, and no more young women representing any brand of cigarettes will be allowed to promenade, ride or sit there. It seems to be a pretty good scheme to suppress before it spreads beyond its present confines.—Boston Herald.

Poor Hiram Peck.

For many a long year Hiram Peck of Southington has displayed this notice over his front door, "Live single, and you will be happy." Yet has he fallen a victim to the charms and graces of Miss Mary H. Browne of Meriden. When, as a married man, he takes that board down, he will not have been the first of his unfortunate and defenseless sex who has proposed and had a woman dispose for him.—New York Evening Sun.

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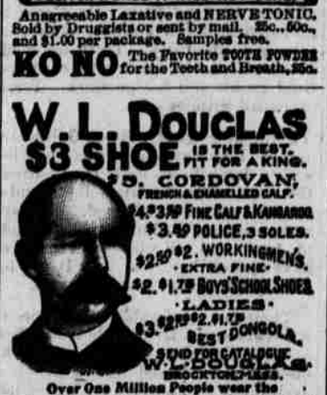

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The Lamentable End of a Romance.

Fifty annual suns had bleached her raven tresses, placed crow's feet on her chamoislike skin and otherwise blemished her youthful loveliness, but the vigor of romance still lurked in her bosom. She inserted an "ad" in one of the Toledo dailies for a correspondent matrimonially inclined. The "ad" was answered by a gallant also sliding down the slope of his fiftieth anniversary. Photographs taken in their palmier days were exchanged, and last week the fair one came from her wind swept retreat in Iowa to meet her ideal, to join heart and hand with him and float happily on wings of love together to the end of their natural lives. Both had so changed in the many years since the pictures were taken that they failed to recognize each other in the train. Introductions followed.

They viewed each other for a moment, when she broke out with: "You base deceiver! You horrid old brute! You have deceived me, and I shall never marry you. You are twice as old as you represented and as homely as a cartoon." The radiance vanished from the eager lover's face. Staggered, confused and razzle dazzled, he bolted for the hotel door, letting fly a volume of cuss words, interjecting such expressions as "Vixen," "Jade," "She wolf" and "Old hen." The door closed behind him with a slam, and the afternoon matinee was over. The lady has returned to her home in Iowa, and the correspondent has laid aside his pen forever.—Toledo Bee.

Drowned In a Cask of Wine.

At Mostar, in Herzegovina, a husband and wife met with a most extraordinary death together. The wife went to the cellar to fetch a mug of strong new wine for her husband's supper, and as the enormous cask was not full she leaned over and fell into it. Her husband immediately dropped in after her to save her, and both were drowned in a few minutes.

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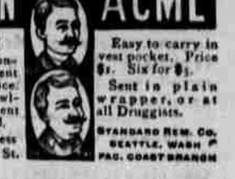

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