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THE WORST WOMAN.

Feminine wickedness has a singular attraction for the public. It shocks good women, it appeals to bad men, it is thrilling to everyone's imagination.

The old-fashioned bad woman was merely bad. She was an out and out sinner, who lured men astray for the fun of the game; broke up homes as a pastime; destroyed souls as a vocation. Kipling put her fame into the mouth of every callow youth when he wrote "The Vampire."

Later day sophistication has come to suspect the veracity of this creation. There are silly women, and weak women and selfish women, but how many who do evil for the sheer joy of causing unhappiness and exerting their malign power.

So the new type has been evolved, the Salamander type, which is celebrated in a current play. Hiding behind her husband's name, such a woman keeps her crimes within the conventions. The victim of her own throttled emotions, she delights in the infliction of pain. She is nearer to reality than her fore-runner, the Vampire, but her numbers are few.

Women are not bad, in their special sense of that word, if they are suf-

ficiently occupied. Home and children are the obvious outlets for them, but lacking these none of them can plead that there are not a multitude of others in this day and age. The drawing room villainess has no excuse for villainy when there are so many claims on her interest and talents outside of empty conquests. The amateur wicked woman is passing out of fashion.

PERSONAL RIGHTS.

In a political conflict resulting from an investigation of charitable institutions, the police of New York tapped telephone lines and "cut in" on the conversations of important members of the community. The action has been denounced as an outrage and the American right of privacy has been invoked.

In Chicago a nest of dangerous criminals was uncovered by the same process and the police department received praise for its resourcefulness.

Constitutional rights in this country are not held inviolate when the trail is hot. It may be in England that every man's home is his castle, but in the United States any patrolman will invade that castle without hesitation if he feels like it. It is said that the practice of arresting persons "on suspicion" is outside the law, that searching prisoners without a warrant is indefensible, that entering a place of residence by force, without the sanction of a court, is illegal. Yet these things are done as a matter of police routine.

As a matter of fact, it would be difficult for the police to operate if they respected the constitutional rights of everyone religiously. It makes a vast difference whose ox is gored, and the sacred principles of personal liberty, as applied to a vagabond on the docks, are a jest, although a citizen of prominence and influence may appeal effectively to these same rules. All men are not equal in the eyes of the law, no matter how much fine oratory is spilled to that effect. No one would seriously argue that they are, or that they could be.

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This A No. 1 Work Shoe \$3.50

The best work shoe in town for the money—comes in either black or tan, full stock, good leather uppers—double soles of oak tanned leather—double leather toe caps—sole leather heel counters—all sizes—priced \$3.50. Dozens of other styles also here at prices that are always right.

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In black calf or tan—extra well made shoe—solid leather—double all leather welt sole—a good strong wearing shoe for a man who wants a dressy shoe. Price \$3.50



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Bank Account

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Home Burns at Waterloo Lebanon, Or. May 8.—The house

of T. J. Plaster, of Waterloo, was burned last Thursday. The fire started in the kitchen roof while Mrs. Plaster

was preparing a meal, and soon gained such headway that it was impossible to extinguish it. The neighbors helped in saving most of the contents. The house was valued at \$600 and was insured for \$400.

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This remarkable recognition—no other corn flake on the market has achieved it—marks this new food as something distinctly different from "corn flakes" of the past.

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Compare New Post Toasties with the average corn flake—observe the tiny bubbles which cover their surface. These bubbles are caused by a new method of cooking, rolling and toasting under quick, intense heat.

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At Your Grocers--two sizes--10c & 15c

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