

ONLY LIVE ROBBERS.

The Postoffice Department Does Not Pay Rewards for Dead Ones.

Some very curious cases have been decided by the law department of the Postoffice Department relating to rewards for the capture of robbers of postoffices. Mr. Milliken has just rendered a decision against a claimant at California, Mo., where a postoffice safe was robbed. In such cases the Postoffice Department pays \$200 each for conviction of the persons engaged in the robbery. There were five persons concerned in the affair, but the authorities had no clue to the men. It happened, however, that the guilty persons were in a saloon some time afterward, and one of them got into a dispute with a farmer and a lively row ensued, in which the farmer shot and killed the man. The other men ran out, but were captured by other persons, not because they were postoffice robbers, but because they were engaged in the row.

It turned out on examination that the man who was killed was the ringleader of the robbers and had the bulk of the booty on his person. His death resulted in proving complicity in the robbery upon the other four men. The men who captured the four have been allowed \$200. The farmer made application for \$200, but it is held that the reward being offered for the "arrest and conviction" of the robbers, he cannot be paid the amount. The dead robber was neither arrested nor convicted of the offense. Mr. Milliken said that it was rather hard, but, under the law, he could do nothing else.

He recalled a case in Oklahoma where there had been a robbery and three notorious desperadoes were pursued, and, after a fierce encounter, one was killed, another mortally wounded and the other captured. The dead robber in this instance was the leader and had nearly all the stolen property on his person. The others were tried and convicted, and the wounded man died shortly afterward. The reward of \$400 was paid for the capture of the two, but, although Mr. Milliken reported in favor of paying the reward for the dead robber, it was found not to be in accordance with the law, and was refused. Postoffice robbers must be taken alive in order to secure rewards.

A Curious Ceremonial.

It is not generally known that there is a strange and striking ceremonial by which the Vatican authorities assure themselves that the Pope is dead. The Cardinal Chamberlain approaches the bed of the dead Pontiff, and bears in his hand a little silver hammer. He prostrates himself before the bed and calls the dead man three times, not by his name as Pope, but by the name that was given him at his baptism. Then he touches him lightly on the forehead three times with the hammer. The silence which follows this appeal by voice and by touch is final proof that he who makes no answer to it is beyond its reach. After this formality the Cardinal pronounces to the waiting priests that the Pope has ceased to live.

Discouraged and Downcast.

A Well Known Yolo County, California, Druggist, Pines for the Nirvana. He Finds a More Pleasant Remedy for His Ills Than Buddha's Panacea.

From the Mail, Woodland, Cal.

There is probably no man in Yolo county better known than William R. Pond, formerly of the drug firm of Pond & Lawson, of Woodland, Cal. For five years Mr. Pond was a terrible sufferer from nervous prostration, and at and during these attacks, pined for "sleep that knows no waking."

Physicians were powerless to aid him, and he was becoming rapidly worn out, when an old friend, a Mr. Hendrickson, of San Francisco, recommended him to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In much the same way that a drowning man grasps at whatever comes his way, Mr. Pond clutched at the idea of Pink Pills, and they cured him, on his following the printed directions. Mr. Pond is chairman of the Republican county central committee, and is never tired of singing the praises of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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REMARKABLE CAREER AS A SLEEP WALKER.

MISS ANNIE ROSSMAN is being treated at the Arapahoe County Hospital in Denver after having broken the record in somnambulism. During her excursions while asleep she has been rescued from injury or death by the police more than 150 times. Bolts, bars, handcuffs and chains have all failed to keep her within her room, and clad in a nightgown she has roamed the streets of Denver night after night.

Everything possible was done to cure the young woman, but to no purpose until she was placed in the hospital. There she has been watched by an attendant, and cold water has been thrown in her face every time she has sought to leave her bed or escape. This plan seems to be proving efficacious, and for the present at least her sleep-walking career has been closed.

Many methods have been unsuccessfully adopted to restrain her from her nocturnal excursions. The windows of her room have been locked and the key to the door hidden, but to no purpose. At other times she has been tied in her bed. In releasing herself she has exhibited the skill of the conjurer, for no knot could be tied that she was unable to loosen. Handcuffs have been attached to her wrists and then chained to the bed, but her hands slipped through the rings in her sleep in a fashion that she could not explain when she awoke. At another time the key to her room was placed at the bottom of a barrel of water, but she secured the key, and the contact with the chilled fluid did not awaken her.

About the only instance when she distinctly remembered having a purpose in view was the time when she was found seated on a letter box with her arm around the lampost, when she declared she had believed herself to be seated on a rail at the theater with her arm about one of the supporting pillars.

One of the most narrow escapes she

however, she had lain down without removing her clothing, and so attracted less attention. She sat in the station awhile, where her peculiar actions were noted, but there was no suspicion that she was asleep. Finally she went to the ticket agent's window and bought a ticket for Cheyenne. Then she left the tracks, divested herself of most of her clothing and walked up the track toward the approaching train. Fortunately the engineer saw her in time to stop before he reached her, although she was walking toward the locomotive all the time.

Again she made her way down to 16th street early in the morning, when there were heavy wagons passing up the street, and calmly walked in front of one of the largest that was going west at a lively gait. The driver saw her and pulled up his horses, but she would certainly have been badly injured had not a policeman seen her just in time and pulled her fairly from beneath the horses' feet. She was not even scratched.

Once she attempted to leave her room, in the third story of her home, via the window. She crept through the window, having raised the lower sash, and, grasping the sill with both hands, swung herself out. As fortune would have it a policeman happened to be passing and saw what she had done. He made his way into the house, rushed up the stairs, broke in the door of her room, and seizing her by the wrists pulled her back.

Another of her experiences was the first and only time she gave an exhibition of dancing on the street. That evening, to the amazement of several children and two or three pedestrians, she began a series of movements very like the double shuffle of a negro minstrel. No officer chanced to be near, and no one interfered. On one of her trips, she apparently imagined herself to be a lineman, for she climbed a telegraph pole and had succeeded in mak-

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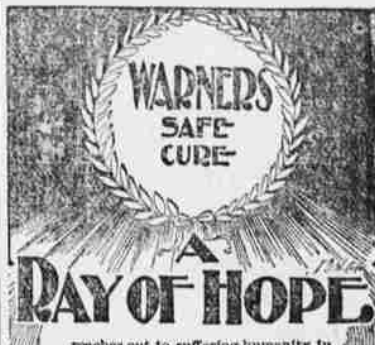
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MISS ROSSMAN'S WONDERFUL ESCAPES FROM DEATH WHILE ASLEEP

has had was on the occasion of a trip on which she started to North Denver. She reached the bridge which crosses Cherry Creek, but instead of crossing the structure made her way down by its side, and apparently was going to walk through the water. It so happened that the creek was not booming to any great extent just then, and a policeman happened to see her action and rescued her from drowning. Even the shock of the water did not fairly awaken her, and it was several moments after her rescue before she entirely regained consciousness.

It has always happened that whenever Miss Rossman has left her room and home at night on one of these sleepwalking trips she has never stopped to don any clothing besides the nightgown and has been guiltless of shoes or stockings. Just how she could so often make her way about Denver's streets in this costume unobserved is a matter of almost as much mystery as the real cause of the affliction which has rendered her miserable for eight years.

One night she left her home about midnight and wandered down 21st to Curtis street. When in front of the Curtis street hosehouse, a cable car came upon her unexpectedly, and she was knocked down and to one side, entirely escaping injury except a few slight bruises.

Once she walked from her home to the Union railway station. This time

ing her way well toward the top before she was discovered. She was resting near the top of the pole when a policeman happened to see her. Here was a quandary. If any one shouted to her, she might awake and fall to the ground. The officer could not climb the pole. Finally a ladder was procured from a neighboring fire engine house and placed against the pole. A stalwart fireman mounted it and a moment later had Miss Rossman in his arms. She awakened almost instantly and in a terrible fright. She was taken home and was prostrated by the shock for several days.

Miss Rossman is a native of Paola, Kan. When she first began to walk in her sleep, the attacks were not frequent, and it was only after she became a resident of Denver that her affliction grew upon her. Physicians who have studied Miss Rossman's case say that her trouble is largely due to the sluggish condition of her blood. During the time she is under the influence of somnambulism her face is almost as pale and cold as that of a person who is dead.

Of Course.

Mrs. Blonde (wildly)—Where did this black hair come from?

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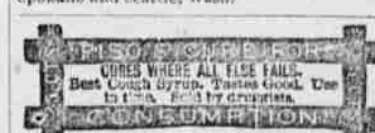
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