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CRIMINALS ARE FATALISTS.

No Matter How Often Captured, They Stick to One Specialty.

"Criminals seem to be the strongest kind of fatalists," remarked a judge who is widely known as an authority on criminology.

"I have noticed that when a criminal is arrested after finishing one sentence the second charge is generally the same as the one which first got him into trouble. It seems like a strange kind of fatality. I've known instances where one criminal has been arrested and punished five or six times on charges exactly the same.

"What makes him do it? I'm not sure I can explain it satisfactorily, but I know it to be the case. It has occurred to me, and possibly this is the simplest explanation, that the reason for a criminal adhering strictly to one line of work is the same as the fascination which holds a gambler to a table although luck is against him.

"Each failure or each loss shows the victim a point which he has hitherto been ignorant of, and it is easy to convince himself that the next time he will escape that mistake.

"And so it goes—ever the next time, just one more chance, and then another, ever confident that the luck must change and that each turn of the wheel leaves him just that much better equipped and that much more likely to win finally. Then there is the desperation, the unconscious and gritty determination to make a success of it.

"If he fails and is arrested, convicted and punished the process of the law simply goes to show him wherein his first job was bungling and poorly carried out. The first feeling of resignation that follows the bitterness of punishment is when he tells himself that next time he will not repeat the error which led to his detection on the present occasion. No sooner is he out of the penitentiary than he essays again to try his luck, this time carefully avoiding the mistake which first brought him to grief.

"It is a well known fact that no criminal, no matter how expert or how daring, can cover up all his tracks. The very best crook will leave at least one loophole, will commit at least one error, which eventually fastens the guilt upon him. The poorer criminals leave clues according to their skill or experience. So our imaginary crook, the second time he plans a job, while he carefully avoids a repetition of his first error, is almost sure to make some other one, and so on, each succeeding crime and detection pointing out to him the lines of his weakness, so that he is irresistibly led onward to his destruction."—Detroit Tribune.

Lending His Hand.

The occasions on which Professor Farway was invited to speak in public were times of great anxiety to his wife. If she succeeded in starting him for the platform properly clothed and with his notes in his hand, part of her cares vanished, but not all of them.

One evening her husband was one of seven distinguished professional men who were to speak before a scientific society consisting of men from all parts of the country.

His speech was clear that night, free from the absentminded murmurs which sometimes interspersed his discourse, and as he seated himself Mrs. Faraway felt that he had fully earned the burst of applause, and then her cheeks crimsoned.

"Did you see anything amusing about the close of my address, my dear?" asked the professor as they started for home. "It seemed as if I heard sounds suggestive of merriment about me."

"I don't wonder," said Mrs. Faraway, who up to that time had maintained the silence of despair, "for of all the people who applauded your address you, with your head in the air and your chair tilted sidewise, clapped the loudest and longest!"

Literary Relics.

A well known Englishman constantly wears in a small locket attached to a chain around his neck a portion of

the shaven skull of Shelley. Of late years a great many persons have visited the former residence of the late Victor Hugo to see a tooth of that celebrity which is kept in a small glass case, with this inscription: "Tooth drawn from the jaw of Victor Hugo by the dentist on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1871, at Vianden, in the garden attached to the house of Mme. Koch, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon."

In the year 1816 a tooth of the famous Sir Isaac Newton was sold at auction by a relic monger of London and was purchased by an English nobleman for a sum equal to \$3,650. The buyer had a costly diamond removed from a favorite ring and the tooth set in its place. The wig that Sterne wore while writing "Tristram Shandy" was sold at public auction soon after the great writer's death for the sum of \$10,000, and the favorite chair of Alexander Pope brought \$5,000 at a sale in 1822.

The Foolishness of Sheep.

One sultry summer's day in Australia a man rode out to visit the "back blocks" on his station in N. S. W. Noticing a cloud of dust on the horizon rising straight up as the smoke of a good man's fire, he rode over to ascertain the cause. When he arrived he found a flock of his sheep racing round and round a water hole. They were in a fearful state of exhaustion, their tongues lolling out and they nearly dropping with fatigue. Apparently the leader of the flock had approached the hole at a spot where it was too boggy to get to the water and commenced to walk round. Before he found a safe place he had joined the tail of the flock. They all, being anxious to get a drink, gradually quickened their pace until they were racing round as hard as they could go. Had he not arrived in time they would have died of thirst.

The Appreciation of Men of Genius.

Until a comparatively recent period—say the last century—few men of great genius were justly appreciated by their contemporaries. The house of fame received them not during their lives and the winds of human adulation blew only over their graves. In their own day they were sought for such personal qualities as were agreeable, apart from their works, and there was, happily for their peace of mind, little public concern as to their domestic interiors or as to their manners, grave or gay. This immunity was no slight compensation for the world's apathy or its stunted praise.

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