

# New York Letter

By Lucy James Price

NEW YORK, April 15.—It seems a pretty cold-blooded thing; but it's being done right along. Pawing members of one's own family! That's what it is. For if poor frightened Fido is not a member of the family, just what is he? And Fido, along with the pet canary and the noisome parrot, is being placed in hock in New York City almost as regularly as is one's watch and chain. There is a pawn broker in the theatrical boarding house district who makes a specialty of just such loans, keeping the pets for 90 days all safe and sound, if their masters and mistresses don't appear with the necessary lucre by the end of the 90 days, it means new masters and mistresses. He even takes snakes into his keeping, and if the snake charmers fail to redeem them, he sells them for \$3 a foot. Parrots are accepted on probation. No matter how amiable and respectable they may seem, one never can tell. And this is a decorous pawnshop. So if Poll emerges from her silence along during the second day as a profane creature, back she goes to her needy owner.

Westchester is not rural. One of New York City's most accessible suburbs, its denizens always point out

how much closer to Broadway they are in time of reaching there than the residents of the north end of Manhattan Island. Consequently, commuters running for the train the other morning were surprised to find the chief of police selling papers in place of the regular city-like newsboy. The head guardian of the law was asked for an explanation. "Joe's gone for breakfast," he said. "I didn't have much to do so I told him I'd help him with his papers while he was gone. Which paper? Yessir."

The story of \$120,000,000 worth of diamonds in sight in Brazilian mines has been brought home by Charles A. Lageson, American mine owner in the South American country. He expects Brazilian diamond finds to rival those of South Africa. Ordinary human beings will probably never outgrow the thrill that comes with stories of such discoveries. Diamonds—either because of their sparkle or their value—hold a firm grip on the imagination. And we like to hear Mr. Lageson tell about those discovered in our own half of the world. American business men, particularly manufacturers, get another kind of thrill out of it, however. Anything which enriches South American countries right now is a good thing for us. We can't help a certain selfish satisfaction in it. Low exchange has cut into our export trade seriously and such things as this diamond business will eventually help to counteract it. "Among the cheering pieces of news, the facts for the credit side of the ledger, to

be considered at the discussions at the coming convention of the National Foreign Trade council, will be every bit of good news from the countries with which we want to do business." W. C. Godfrey, export manager of a leading New York silk concern, said, "I hope we will have a dozen more such reports by the time we go to Cleveland for the convention in May."

The newest addition to the pickpocket's equipment has nothing to do with fire-arms or black-jacks. It's simple but efficacious. Garlic. "Never turn your head away in a crowded car or train when you are jammed against someone who has been eating garlic," advised one who is in close touch with New York's criminals and their vagaries. "The odor may not be pleasant, but maybe that's why it's there. Garlic is the pickpocket's friend and he's finding it out and making the most of it. By eating liberally of it, he gets a clear field to work undisturbed by the gaze of his victim."

Have you a little village of your own? It's a great plan. Nineteen tired business men, who must rest from their labors in the city by golfing undisturbed on Sunday have solved their problem. They are all commuters, living over in New Jersey. And they are all members of the Haddon Country club. So they have incorporated the village of Tavistock, whose boundaries include the club and its links; held a perfectly good legal election

put themselves into the nineteen village offices; and have given a brand new polish to their golf clubs. There is no one now to come around and quote any Sunday ordinance to them; or to enforce any state laws which may be inconvenient.

All the latest styles and no fastenings to annoy one! Such is the solution of civilization come upon by the head hunters' wives and daughters of Putumayo. Dr. Herbert S. Dickey, just home from the head waters of the Amazon river, in Brazil, told us all about it—and proved his story with photographs. It seems that while their husbands and gentlemen friends are out head-hunting, the matrons and maids of this resourceful country study American fashion magazines which kindly travelers have brought there, and re-produce on their persons in vari-colored paints the latest New York and Parisian models and frocks.

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