

## A Woman Detective's Story

By SADIE OLCOTT

I am a woman detective. I was once sent to decoy a desperado who was making collections ostensibly for the church. He was Aaron Burt—he passed under other names—and at the time was working in the town of Edgerton. I went there, learned that he was at a certain hotel, and he was pointed out to me in the reading room.

I entered the room and, going up to him, said: "The Rev. Mr. Burt, I believe."

"I am," he said, rising and looking at me suspiciously. "I have understood that you have great success in raising money for churches, and I would like to know if you would be willing to help me pay off a mortgage on our church at Avondale."

Avondale was a town not far from Edgerton, and I had heard that one of its churches was under mortgage, which the congregation desired to pay off. But I intended this only as a means of making Mr. Burt's acquaintance.

I described to him the situation at Avondale, stating that the people there were well to do, but needed some persuasive speaker to wake them up. I added that he would be paid for his labor, proposing that he receive the contribution himself and deduct one-third of it for himself. This I knew would please him, for there would be no difficulty in his deducting his third or, rather, of appropriating the whole contribution. He manifested a willingness to undertake the work, but protested against receiving so much compensation as a third of the amount collected. On no account would he consent to deduct more than 10 per cent. He was ready to go to Avondale as soon as I said the word. I told him that I would see the pastor and the deacon and as soon as I could get their consent would let him know.

I pretended to go to Avondale, but really returned to the sheriff, who had employed me, to arrange with him as to when and where he should send the force intended to make the arrest. It was agreed between us that he was to send one picked man to Edgerton, who was to pass himself as a commercial traveler. This man's name was Larned, and I was made acquainted with him, and we conferred together. I told him to bring the largest sample trunk he could find.

Returning to Edgerton, I told Mr. Burt that everything had been arranged at Avondale, but the evening selected for his appeal for funds had been fixed for the following Sunday, four days hence. He was not pleased at this, preferring that the work should be done at once. The truth is he did not care to remain in the same locality for so long a period. I determined, however, to hold him if possible till I could spring my trap.

I laid myself out to please him, spending a good deal of time with him. I knew that he was not interested in matters of religion and did not talk on religious subjects. I preferred to choose other topics, in which he would be more at home, my intention being when I had gained his confidence to give him to understand that I knew his true character, that I was one of the same kind as himself and desired to assist him in plundering that I might share the plunder.

When I thought the time ripe I revealed the character I wished him to take me for by confessing that I expected a share in the collection I was

to bring about. I saw him start, but he did not take the hint openly, and it was some time before he consented to drop the parson and talk like the villain he was. Then I told him that together we might reap a rich harvest. He caught at the idea and grew enthusiastic over it.

Having won his confidence, I kept holding up the rich hauls we would make. I joining congregations and arranging for addresses, to be followed by collections. He would disappear, leaving me to repent having put confidence in a rascal.

When all was ready for my scheme Larned appeared at the hotel, and a sample trunk of enormous size was carried to his room. It was empty, but only Larned and I knew that. I told Mr. Burt that I was bent on taking money from the commercial traveler and that I was already engaged in learning where he kept it. The next day I informed my pal that Larned had gone out and left \$500 between the mattresses of his bed, suggesting that Burt go into his room and get it while I watched. The door was supposed to be locked, and I borrowed a skeleton key from Burt with which to unlock it, though Larned had purposely left it unlocked.

I took a position in the hall and after pretending to have watched for some time called Burt and told him the coast was clear, and he went into the room for the money. He had scarcely done so when I ran in and told him that the drummer was coming up to his room.

"Get in the trunk," I said. "It is your only chance." I raised the lid, and he got inside. I clapped the lid down on him and locked him in. Larned was waiting in another room, and as soon as I had secured the prize I called him.

Before Burt was let out he was told that he was covered and if he resisted he would be shot. He was armed, but the odds were so greatly against him that he surrendered.

I received \$200 for my share in the arrest.

### "DUCKING" IN BATTLE.

Little Chance For Dodging Modern High Velocity Bullets.

Although under the altered conditions of modern warfare both officers and men take all the cover they can get, it is still considered "bad form" to duck when bullets are whistling or shells screaming overhead.

This is a survival of the old Crimean days, when men were actually punished for ducking bullets in battle. That the service tradition was not always strictly observed even then, however, is apparent from a story told of a grizzled old veteran who, on being remonstrated with by a young corporal for indulgence in this very practice, replied, "It's all very well for you, m'lad, but I'm a family man," and continued to duck at each report.

It is on record, too, that Napoleon strongly objected to it, and on one occasion he even went to the length of publicly reprimanding one of his staff officers for stooping over his horse's neck in order to avoid the balls he heard whistling over his head.

General Gordon, no mean authority, was of a different opinion, though. Writing in his journal, he says, "For my part, I do not consider judicious ducking to be a fault, for I remember on two occasions seeing shells before my eyes which certainly had I not bobbed, would have taken off my head."

Needless to say, however, it would be impossible to dodge a modern high velocity projectile in this free and easy fashion. It cannot be seen, and by the time it is heard the danger is past.—London Mail.

### THE HINDU DAY OF LIGHT.

A Festival That Turns India into a Sort of Fairyland.

There is one day in the year which is celebrated as a great festival by the Hindus of India, and the natives are even allowed to gamble upon this occasion. The great day is Devall—the Day of Light—which is dedicated to the Hindu god Ram in celebration of his coronation.

From sunset onward on this day the native bazaars throughout India resemble fairyland, for outside the house or shop of every true Hindu are placed numerous little lamps of a very primitive construction. They consist merely of small shallow, transparent bowls, about the size of a saucer, filled with oil in which a wick is floated.

The number of lamps varies with the financial standing of the householder, the wealthier natives displaying them by the hundred. According to the tradition, he who displays the greatest number of lights will become exceedingly rich, for on this night Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, is supposed to wander abroad and enter wherever there are sufficient lights to catch her fancy.

Another method of enticing the unsuspecting goddess consists of placing in a bowl filled with milk and rice a cluster of pretty flowers. The Hindu believes that to present a friend with flowers is to wish him or her happiness; hence the offering of flowers to Lakshmi.—Pearson's Weekly.

### MUSICAL TRAINING.

It Should Have a Place in the Education of Every Child.

We shall make no real progress in music in this country, says Bruno Huhn, until we come to consider a training in the rudiments of music as an essential point in the education of our children.

Too often parents excuse their reluctance on the ground that their children show no spontaneous desire to study music. Because a child shows no such desire to study reading, writing and arithmetic do we for that reason permit him to neglect totally these subjects? No normal child desires to study any subject, and a failure on the part of a child to crave a musical education should not be permitted to exempt him from such training.

In my opinion the average child should begin to study music at the age of eight or nine and for at least two years devote an hour a day to the exercise of it.

After two years the child's preference and aptitude may safely be consulted in regard to further study. But in any event the two years of study have not been wasted, for he has already learned something that will be of use to him all his life.

Musical training, especially in the home, should have a place in the education of every child.—Exchange.

### Widowed Birds.

The married life of most birds could be taken for a model by members of the human family. For instance, the staid, dignified and homely baldheaded eagle never mates but once and lives with his one mate until he or she dies. If left a widower—even a young widower—the baldheaded eagle never mates again. He remains alone and disconsolate in the nest of the rocky crag or in the branches of a tall pine that formed his domicile while his mate was alive. No other female eagle can tempt him to forsake his desolate life. With him once a widower, always a widower. The golden woodpeckers live in a happy married state, mating but once. If the male dies his mate's grief is lasting, and she remains a widowed bird the rest of her life.

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### Too Late.

Detective—So I've caught you in the financial district, have I? Crook—Yes, Bill, but I can't slip you nothing. I just got away from a broker.—New York Globe.

### Better Still.

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