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ACCUSED OF MURDER

Miss Virginia Rappe, a beautiful young movie actress with an unblemished reputation, is dead and Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle is charged with her murder. She was invited to a party of half a dozen people at Arbuckle's rooms in San Francisco. The host, who has never been accused of being a prohibitionist, treated to gin and orange juice. She was missed from the company and soon was heard screaming for help in one of the rooms. Other women of the party responded and found a locked door. Upon their pounding upon it and calling for admittance Arbuckle opened it from the inside. He was in his pajamas and Miss Rappe lay on the bed, practically nude, her clothing torn to rags. This is the woman's statement.

A physician was summoned and Miss Rappe was found to be unconscious, with marks of violence on both arms and on her abdomen. She was taken to a hospital, but was conscious barely long enough before she died to accuse Arbuckle of being the cause of her condition and to call for his punishment. She could not remember whether she went voluntarily into the room or was carried in by force.

Arbuckle denies that he was ever in the room with her.

There's the story in a nutshell. It may be added that the accused has money enough to employ all the legal talent he chooses in finding loopholes in the evidence and the law. With these advantages added to the nine chances to one that American law gives to one accused, the chances that he will suffer any more severe penalty than the inconvenience of a legal battle and a little loss of popularity are remote.

Movie houses are canceling films which feature him, for the present, and those who have the temerity to announce such films are likely to suffer in patronage, unless his skirts are more nearly cleared than is likely without unexpected evidence.

INFAMOUS FAME

Roy Gardner has committed a number of robberies, for which he has several times been imprisoned, and he has often escaped. And because in his career of crime he has stopped short of murder a maudlin sympathy with him has arisen and there are those who, after his last break from McNeil's island, expressed the hope that he might not be recaptured.

Robin Hood was a hero to a certain class in England.

In low dives in the cities "entertainers" used to sing: "They killed poor Jesse James," without a thought to the victims Jesse had killed.

In Mexico thousands regard the cruel and bloody murderer Villa as a hero—so many of them that the Oregon government was afraid to turn down his offer to call off his band and quit his abominations in exchange for land, money and pardon.

This proneness to apotheosize criminals encourages boys to emulate them and starts some of them on the road to the penitentiary and the too-idle gallows.

CROOKED STICKS.

An editorial in the Enterprise

two weeks ago, referring to a minister who compared some church members with a stick so crooked that it couldn't lie still, said:

If the church gets a spineless minister, who tries to please everybody, these crooked sticks, being more aggressive than the other members, dominate him, and the church languishes. If a pastor is secured who has a mind of his own and expresses his convictions soon there is a vacant pastorate and an assortment of soreheads.

A church may languish with a full treasury and plenty of members if it fails to lead people in the direction to which the steeples point. The writer of the paragraph quoted above never read Churchill's "The Inside of the Cup," though he saw reviews of it when it appeared. Those who saw the picturization of that story at the Rialto Friday evening got an illustration of the editorial writer's viewpoint. Those who did not attend missed an enlightening and uplifting lesson.

Two thousand years ago the masses of the people got instruction and learned current history at the synagogues and temples. In Christian lands, in later years, the church succeeded to that office and law and decrees were published by posting them on church doors or causing them to be read from pulpits.

Later came the newspaper, and legal announcements and the now of the day reached the public through its columns. It has taken from the church the secular part of its educational office, and church and state are growing apart.

And now comes the moving picture as a factor in education, and it has already become an important one. More and more the movies are being introduced in schools and churches.

"Black Beauty" a few weeks ago drew a full house at the Rialto. Last Friday's attendance was not as large, but it was good, and probably the play will increase the demand for the book, "The Inside of the Cup," which is in the list at the Halsey public library.

Some of our exchanges complain of the picture screen as a rival competitor for the business of advertisers. The Enterprise feels no jealous pang on this score. There is plenty of room for both the newspaper and the screen, as there is for the church.

Earl Herbert of Oak Ridge, Lane county, was fatally shot Sunday by Elmer Yeoman of Creswell, who mistook him for a deer. The shooter was evidently the biggest fool yet this deer season. Herbert was in the brush and called: "Look out; I am coming." Yeoman thought he said: "It is coming," and shot as soon as Herbert came in sight, without waiting to notice what it was he saw. Yeoman said they had already crippled a deer, thus illustrating the cruelty of the "sport." "The violent dealing of the wicked hath returned upon his own pate."

Another exhibition "boxer," not prizefighter if you please, was killed in the ring at Kansas City, Kan., on labor day. The bout was against the law, too, as was the Dempsey-Carpenter affair. Prize fighters and hunters who shoot at deer before they see them are helping to starve the country from overpopulation.

President Harding appealed to John Wanamaker to help a janitor in his store who has sixteen living children and gets \$20 a week, but John answered that he couldn't afford it. Poor old John! If that man had been a heathen in Siam, perhaps John could have rustled up a few dollars towards a missionary fund to buy pocket handkerchiefs for his family and have the act blazoned in the newspapers.

A report of doctors to the biological society of Paris sets forth that in aged people afflicted with hardening of the arteries the eating of garlic will reduce the blood pressure to normal in a week. Is low blood pressure an outstanding condition among our population of Italian birth?

Fatty Arbuckle announces that he has done with booze. He has for some time to come. Facilities for bootlegging are rather inferior in the steel cell where he resides.

HUBBY LOCKED IN TRUNK BY WIFE

Stood for His Arguments Until He Playfully Punctuated Them With Kicks in Shins.

Baltimore, Md.—Mrs. Catherine evandowski stood for her husband's arguments, but objected when he playfully punctuated them by kicking her in the shins. So, catching him off his guard, she toppled him over backward into an open trunk and slammed down the lid.

Then with increasing calmness, she locked the trunk and threw away the key.

But finding a sympathetic audience when she went out on the street to tell the neighbors how her husband



Slammed Down the Lid.

abused her she began to lose her calmness, and in her growing eloquence began to utter strident, affecting cries of "murder," and "police."

When Patrolman Andrews of the eastern district was attracted by her frantic screams to the now excited block of Alice and Ann streets, Mrs. Levandowski told him that her husband had just assaulted and attempted to murder her. She neglected to mention the detail of the trunk.

Entering the house with drawn revolver the patrolman expected to find Mr. Levandowski smashing the furniture and snorting fire. But the house was silent as a grave. After cautiously poking the muzzle of his weapon

behind beds and into closets he was halted by a gentle tapping and scratching. Tracing the sound to its source, he found the locked trunk but no key. Finally the lock yielded to the persuasion of his club and he dragged out the offending husband, an apparently limp and broken man. But the cool air soon revived him, and he is now lodged in a comfortable cell.

REFUSES MAN'S DEATH BRIBE

New York Negro Turns Down Offer of \$700 to Let Would-Be Suicide Drown.

New York.—Spurning the \$500 offered by a drowning man to be permitted to sink, Harry Green, negro, of New York city, knocked Mission Baron unconscious and carried him to shore.

Penniless and without a home, Green lay on the Erie docks at the foot of Duane street. He saw a man shed his coat and jump. He followed, waited until the man had appeared, then caught him by the hair.

"I want to die," Green said the man shouted. "Let me go and take \$500 from my belt."

"I didn't see how I could collect if he drowned, so I saved him," Green told police.

"This shows what a fool you were," Baron said to Green as he unwound from his waist a belt containing \$750. Baron told police he had paid a large sum for a coat and hat checking privilege in a cafe, but was losing money.

Lived Together, Despite Divorce, and Both Happy

Although his wife divorced him April 20, she failed to say anything to him about it, and they have been living together happily ever since, Anthony Rosewell of Chicago told the judge. Rosewell asked that the decree granted to Anna Rosewell be set aside.

"I don't know anything about it," he told the judge. "We have been living together happily since the decree was granted. A friend told me about it." The wife will be called before the judge to explain the unusual domestic situation.

Joy Rider Given Ten Years in Jail Joplin, Mo.—Arrested after a wild ride in a stolen motor car which collided with a street car, turned over and burned, C. J. Larrabee, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary upon pleading guilty to taking the machine. Larrabee was but slightly hurt in the crash.

The horse will be virtually only a subject for natural history museum in the United States within a decade," says F. W. Fenn, secretary of the national motor truck committee, National Automobile chamber of commerce. Prophet have been saying the same thing for a decade or two past, but the 1920 census found more horses in the country than that of 1910.

Photos of Fairies

An Englishman claims to have made photographs of fairies which are not visible to the eye, but which the photographer says may be recorded on the photographic plate. There are many persons who have examined the prints and plates, but are not yet convinced.

HELD PRISONER FOR 16 YEARS

Daughter Caged by Mother in Darkened Room Without Light or Air.

BUT ONE PERSON KNEW

When Found by Humane Officer Girl Was Wearing Child's Bonnet and Child's Clothing—Has the Mentality of a Child.

Ballston, N. Y.—There may be a mystery to unravel in connection with the strange case of Miss Jennie Hall, who for 16 years was held a prisoner by her mother, Mrs. Catherine Hall, and another daughter, in a tumble-down shack near Round Lake, a short distance from Ballston, Saratoga county, New York.

During all of this period Jennie never saw the light of day except as it may have slightly filtered through a heavily planked window. Never except twice did she see another human being except her mother and her sister. Never in the 16 years until a humane officer from Saratoga entered her dark prison the other day did she see a man, and at sight of the unusual spectacle she fainted.

Only One Neighbor Knew.

Only one neighbor knew that such a being as she existed, and it was this neighbor who finally brought the matter to the attention of the Saratoga County Humane society, whose superintendent, William Hennessy, investigated and led the afflicted woman, who is thirty-one years old, away from her prison. Other neighbors considered the Hall family—mother and daughter, as "queer," and the shack in which they lived was avoided.

Jennie has the mentality of a child. When found by the humane officer she was wearing a child's bonnet, which apparently she dearly prized, and a child's clothing.

Jennie at one time—some twenty years ago—was for a brief time an inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane at Utica. When she returned to her home she vanished from sight, to live the intervening years up to the present buried in a living prison.

The mentality of the mother and the other daughter is now being inquired into and action in the case of Jennie will be taken accordingly.

Mystery in Key.

The element of mystery centers around a key found tied in the apron of the mother, Mrs. Hall. Evidently the key fits something, but the some-



Never in 16 Years Had She Seen a Man

thing has not as yet been discovered. It is believed that somewhere on the place there is a buried treasure chest and that in it there is a missing inheritance of \$10,000 left to the two daughters of Mrs. Hall.

The story is that some time before Jennie's commitment to the Utica hospital she and her sister fell heir to \$5,000 apiece left by their grandfather, who had just died. It is certain the money was not used about the old farmhouse, which stands in a rotting condition, hidden amid a dense foliage of trees. The inference is that the money was hidden and that the key holds the secret of the treasure. Why the money was hid, if it is hidden, may be known when the alienist makes his report on the mental condition of the mother.

Excellence Accounted For.

"Mother," said little Roger, "I know why Norah's cookies taste so good. She always sings when she is mixing and the song gets into 'em."—Boston Transcript.

Cleaning.

Glycerin is an aid to cleaning. To remove coffee or fruit stains saturate them with glycerin, allow them to stand several hours, and then wash.

Joined the Majority

Berrymon Cummings, 76 years old, one of the numerous pioneer retired farmers residing in Halsey, died last Friday and was buried Saturday at Pine Grove cemetery, after Christian church services conducted by Elder Phillips.

Mr. Cummings was born in Illinois in 1845, and when seven years old crossed the plains with his parents, settling in the vicinity of Halsey, where he has spent his life as a farmer, until a few years ago when he moved to Halsey.

Besides a widow he is survived by nine children and one brother. The children are Mrs. Lillie Nixon of Peoria; Newton H. Cummings, Mrs. Inis Gormley, Mrs. Nellie Smith, Martin Cummings and Arley Cummings of Halsey; Mrs. Lydia Hanna and Mrs. Elizabeth Severson of Portland, and Barney Cummings of Hood River. The brother is Henry Cummings of Seattle.



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Left Over Last Week

Ronald Marks leaves for O. A. C. next week, as the school opens September 19.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dryden and daughters Mildred and Dickie and Mr. Otto Smith of Oregon city motored up and spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Dean.

L. C. Merriam and family left Friday for Rogue River, where they will be for several weeks. Mr. Merriam will also visit his mother at Baadon.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Eliza Brandon. The session was made interesting by each member taking part. Mrs. Carroll was added to the membership. Mrs. D. S. McWilliams was made president and Mrs. I. C. Danish vice-president for the coming year, the other officers holding over. Delicious home-grown watermelon was served. Mrs. Foote was a guest of the society.

A. D. Smith and family moved last Thursday to the D. Taylor farm, just west of town and near Dr. Smith's farm.

With a new depot agent, a new druggist, a new editor and staff, a new school principal and a new warehouse, all inside of about six weeks, surely Halsey is on the map.

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