

### How New Kind of Detectives Catch New Kind of Crooks

#### Slueth Stories From Real Life Show How Guardians of Law Now Use Science and Psychology to Solve Mysteries.

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Is your mental picture of the policeman that of a professional man? Unless you view him as such you have little conception of the change that has come over the police business in the big cities in the last few decades.

Education of the public, the elimination of the "come-on," the "hick" and the "unsuspecting citizen," have brought in the brainy crook. Keeping pace with that individual the police have had to develop the science of criminology or a technique for catching and handling criminals. The result is that such forces as New York's are today trained forces.

Perhaps illustration of some of the newer forms of detective work will best show how criminology has advanced and has made use of all the other sciences in its progress. One of our favorite modern psychological devices is "to set the crook to catch himself." Two recent cases illustrate the method.

#### Guilty Man Traps Himself.

There had been a heavy loss of securities from an estate and a member of the executor's family was suspected of the theft. We could not, however, prove it, so were forced to seek some way by which he would fasten the crime on himself.

One day a newsboy carrying just one newspaper was waiting outside this man's place of business, when he left in the afternoon. The paper was the one our suspect was accustomed to buy and he naturally purchased one on this occasion. Our men saw him start at sight of the news that was spread before him in the headlines. "Great Safety Deposit Vault Looted," or something to that effect. The story went on to tell that every single vault in a leading bank's Safety Deposit Department had been emptied by mysterious criminals. The name of the bank was not given—the story might have applied to half a dozen big banks downtown.

Our man seemed dazed for a moment—then he hurried to the Safety Deposit Vault of one of our largest banks. And we knew where the missing securities were hidden. It was easy then to learn the fictitious name he had given, to force a confession and regain the securities.

The point in this story is that the copy of the newspaper which our suspect read was the only one of its kind. We had had it printed by one of the afternoon papers by arrangement with its managing editor—who had gladly helped us further the ends of justice.

#### An Inside Job.

Another Example: In a teller's cage in one of the greatest of our banks there had lain one afternoon a neat packet of \$500 bills. Strapped with paper and pinned, as usual, they made a convenient pocket package. The label on them read \$50,000.

Among those who came and went into that cage, someone eyed the packet with covetous eyes. The bills were there a little before closing time, when the tellers began to total up their balances they were gone! Who had taken them? There was no answer to that question?

The closest search filed to reveal any trace of the bills. The employees all submitted to search—no clue resulted.

The officials called in the police. The detectives soon found themselves against a blank wall. There were no clues, no fingerprints, nothing!

Our men believed it was an "inside job"—one committed by some employee within the bank. This they shock the bank officials. "That means that the thief is still working here—with millions within reach. He could have stolen half a million, as well as \$50,000," was their rejoinder.

The clerks were in a ferment and all were nervous and apt to do things that would look suspicious. Everyone was on guard against everyone else. It was that state of nervous tension that we sought. The three men who had actually been in the teller's cage all the time that the bills were there, had been interrogated without result.

Our men believed it was an "inside out with a story that the bank theft mystery had been solved, that fingerprints had been found (you will remember that there, were none) and that "an arrest was imminent." Care was taken to see that these papers reached the three men who were principally under surveillance.

packet of bills had rested together with other articles that had been in the teller's cage, lay on the table just out of reach of the three.

**Psychology Again Used by Detectives**  
Of the three men being questioned just one showed an interest in the tray and the other articles. He insisted on handling them, looking them over carefully. The detectives dismissed the three, satisfied that the mystery had been solved—not before, but after, the newspaper publication of the story of the fingerprints.

The man who had picked up the tray remarked to another clerk that afternoon that even if they found his fingerprints on the tray it would not mean anything, since he had handled it "in full view of everybody."

That remark was his undoing. His confession and the return of the bills untouched, followed close after. He had trapped himself.

I have told these stories to illustrate to you the "new" detective work in which psychology and science play the parts that formerly were taken by "the third degree," and other and rougher methods.

As a means of extorting a confession, intelligent and prolonged questioning—by relays of detectives—is much more efficacious than any physical attack could be. It is the culprit's mental reserve that we want to break down. Questioning until he has reached the point of mental exhaustion and so has no resistance left, breaks the reserve. This has been found highly valuable.

**Water Bucket, Please.**  
Clarice knew a great deal more about automobiles than football. She attended a game last Saturday. When the visiting team show up at the field she looked at them, and then turned to her escort.

"Mercy—they carry an awful lot of spares—don't they?"

**Blonde Bess Opines.**  
"Ability to tell shocking stories has never yet made a live wire out of an old man office sheik."

**Nothing But Health.**  
Fat Mrs. Doe went out to swim. In a mud bath for her health; The health it came and she was thin. But it took Friend Hubby's wealth.

**Origin of Style.**  
Customer: "Have you got any leather belts?"  
Shopkeeper: "No, but we have some

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**These Campaigns.**  
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She: "George, dear! Won't I have to feed the pigs any more?"

**Marvelous.**  
Waiter (solicitously): "And how did you find the chop, sir?"  
Diner: "Why, I moved the potato and there it was!"

**Ed Purdy's Philos.**  
"Blow your own horn by all means—but don't take your hands off the steering wheel."

**Consistent.**  
Hubby: "But, my dear, what's the idea of wearing your dresses so unusually short?"  
Wife: "Style, dear, style. The decree is that hair and gown shall be in harmony—and I have a boyish bob."

**Fast Worker.**  
Smiling Gent (at door): "Does your husband play golf?"  
Housewife: "Yes."  
Smiling Gent: (Still smiling): "Then sign your name on this line. You have plenty of time to read these 48 volumes which we are now offering in Oxford binding at \$19.50."

**John O' London Writes.**  
I shall not pass this way again.  
So it's no matter what I do; I'll mess the pasture, spoil the track, I do not care a hang for you, With broken bottles, empty tins, I'll strew the road you've got to take.

I shall not pass this way again, I do not care what mess I make.

**Springfield People Wed.**  
Marriage licenses issued during the last week by the county clerk include the following: Frank Thomas Campbell and Helen Harbert, both of Springfield; Hans Olson, of Springfield and Myrtle M. Strickler, of Eugene; Byron Haverfield and Coral Mae Pittsley, both of Eugene; Myron Lowell Sikes, Dexter, and Helen Pauline Miller, Trent; Samuel H. Tritt, Oildale, California, and Ida M. Slough, Eugene; Herman Charles Briggs and Hester Mae McDaniel, both of Hadleyville; Ande Arthur Smith, Crow, and Nellie Agnes Briggs, Hadleyville; and Oscar Howard Wheeler and Grace Sprague, both of Cottage Grove.

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## TOWN AND VICINITY

**Here from Oakridge**—Mrs. C. W. Callison and baby of Oakridge were in Springfield Saturday.

**Broke Arm**—The daughter of H. W. Eyer broke her arm Saturday while cranking an automobile.

**In from Harrisburg**—Sam Fawver of Harrisburg was a business visitor in town Saturday.

**In from Jasper**—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Westrope were Springfield visitors Saturday.

**Here from Wendling**—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alford were here from Wendling on Saturday.

**In from Fall Creek**—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Glaspey were here from Fall Creek Saturday. Mrs. Glaspey received medical treatment.

**Ill With Pleurisy**—The son of J. M. Mallot of beyond Donna, of the Davis and Davis mill, is quite ill this week with pleurisy.

**Went to Salem**—Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Wilson and family went to Salem Saturday to spend the week-end with near relatives.

**Here for Treatment**—R. Moon of Dexter was a Springfield visitor Saturday. He was in town to receive medical treatment.

**Underwent Operation**—Ira Nice underwent a major operation Saturday morning at the Pacific Christian hospital.

**In for Treatment**—Mrs. Ira Hake brought her baby in for treatment Friday morning from their home at motor route B, Eugene.

**Here from Watterville**—Charles Pember, merchant of Watterville and his daughter, Mae Pember, were Springfield visitors Saturday.

**Had Hand Dressed**—Dale Kintzley of Fall Creek was in Springfield Saturday to have fresh surgical dressings put on his hand which was badly torn some time ago.

**Broke Elbow**—Conie Baker, son of Henry Baker of Fall Creek, broke his left elbow when he fell off a fence at school Friday. He was accompanied to Springfield by his father to receive surgical attention.

**Home Over Week-End**—Miss Constance Rebban was home over the week-end from Salem high school visiting her father, Dr. W. C. Rebban. She stayed over Armistice Day to see the Salem football game.

**Killed Geese**—W. C. McLagan, Bill Darling, and Jess Yagar went hunting Sunday near Coburg and bagged seven fat geese. They were out hunting again on Tuesday.

**Visited at Westfir**—Mrs. Emma Olson went to Westfir Sunday for a visit with her brother, Hugo Hallin who is employed there by the Western lumber company.

**Underwent Operation**—Mrs. J. W. Plank submitted to a major operation at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Monday.

**Been Visiting Here**—Roy McCracken has been visiting in Springfield during the past week on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. T. J. McCracken, of Springfield.

**Returned to Washington**—Mrs. M. E. Castle and sons Eldon and Robert returned Saturday morning to their home in Charleston, Washington. They had been in Springfield since the first of October, having come for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson, parents of Mrs. Castle.

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