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DETECTIVE STORY WRITERS IGNORE LAW

PROF. JOHN BARKER WAITE has been reading a dozen or so of the latest thrillers of detective fiction and he's ready to tell the authors they are lucky. They don't have to prosecute in court those villains whom they so cleverly trap in the last chapter. If they did, they wouldn't get five convictions out of a five-foot shelf of murder mysteries.

Professor Waite, widely known authority of the University of Michigan law school, looks at the detective novel in the August issue of The Bookman, and he finds it fatally lacking in evidence that would convince any jury, judge or lawyer.

"The evidence the usual detective collects to support his brilliant hypotheses, which look so invulnerable in print, would make him a laughing stock if introduced in an actual court of justice," declares the legal authority.

Moreover, the hero of the average detective novel usually violates the law in a score of places in bringing his villain to justice, points out the professor.

"The story-book hero can get his man by all manner of devices, from breaking and entering to conniving with postal officials to rob the mails," he says. "Detective novels are few in which the protagonist does not accomplish some brilliant stroke in violation of the law."

Here Professor Waite unshies for a few thrusts at some of our best-selling mystery writers. In "Behind That Curtain," Earl Derr Biggers uses an arrangement between his heroine and the postal authorities to intercept mail which will lead to a solution—an arrangement both illegal and impossible, the lawyer points out. Edgar Wallace, in "The Fellowship of the Frog," permits the police to install a deteaphone on the premises of the suspects to gain their evidence—but such procedure constitutes "breaking and entering," according to most law. Detectives in disguise as milkmen, peddlers and such frequently wander into suspected houses and emerge with the evidence in fiction, but in actuality they would be violating a federal law and that of most states, The Bookman article shows.

Professor Waite chides such fiction stars as J. S. Fletcher, Carolyn Wells and Agatha Christie for creation of evidence which, he says, would never convince a court. And as for that newly-crowned king of the mystery novel, S. S. Van Dine, he says: "In 'The Greene Murder Case' Mr. Van Dine's thoughtfulness in allowing Ada to commit suicide saved the district attorney considerable embarrassment. An acquittal would have been inevitable. Ada might have committed all the improbabilities of which Vaner accused her, but it is incredible that an American jury would have believed that she did. Further, all the known facts point with equal logic to Sibella's guilt."

When logic fails, men drag in statistics.

Why call it "flaming youth?" Punk doesn't flame.

That artist who says there is no attraction in a straight line surely didn't include dotted ones.

Miniature cars won't help much. Picking one out of a pedestrian will be as tedious as pulling one off.

A critic complains that a Zeppelin is helpless when struck by lightning. Doubtless he feels safe on the ground where he can fight back.

You see, a sport model has \$285 worth of nickel plating. That explains the \$350 extra.

Every good cause has sane supporters who are in some measure discredited by excited extremists who try to help.

The new "super" tires are said to last as long as the car, which may just mean that a car on rigid tires doesn't last long.

The talkies will improve our national speech—if a former chambermaid's conception of the way a duchess talks can be called an improvement.

Americanism: Thinking it will look good in your home because it looks good in a show window; wishing your living room looked less like a ten-cent store.

Still, the manufacturer of sweets doesn't find it necessary to mention the absence of a cough in a carload.

The greatest advantage in travel by air is the fact that bill boards don't spoil the scenery when seen from the top.

Man may be a sucker, but he doesn't pay \$24.95 for 39 cents' worth of straw because somebody tells him it is perfectly adorable.

A small Russian army is driving the Chinese before it. A small army under Napoleon came did that in Russia, too.

The Youth's Companion was doomed, anyway. Modern youth doesn't want a companion that can't be enjoyed without sitting still.

How would it do, Mr. Wickersham, to let the counties enforce prohibition on Tuesdays and Fridays?

Correct this sentence: "There isn't a single object in my house," said she, "that I could part with without regret."

MANILA (AP)—The Philippine Research Institute has been incorporated here under the direction of Vice Governor General Otlinger. The purpose is to search for Elginite, phosphorus, kyanite and other industrial minerals for the benefit of the Philippine people.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—President Hoover has decided today to leave Washington toward the end of the week, but the chief executive will visit and length of time he will be gone are still to be determined.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission today granted permission to northwestern railroads to reduce freight rates on grain and grain products from Kansas city to the Gulf of Mexico.

DETROIT, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Hand-cuffed by customs officers who had arrested him for violation of the federal prohibition law, Alfred J. Smith, 42 years old, Green Bay, Wis., was plunged into the Detroit river and was drowned shortly before last midnight.

UTAH FUGITIVES WHO SLEW JAILER BACK IN CELLS

MOAB, Utah, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Two men were back in the Grand county jail tonight from which they escaped Thursday, leaving behind them the body of R. D. Westwood, 46-year-old officer, who they are accused of killing in their break for liberty.

The record of the slay to be captured was in Elliott. He hauled four members of the Salt Lake office of the U. S. biologic survey 56 miles south of here today, asking for a ride. They recognized Elliott, but being unarmed refused his request, drove on and secured rifles and returned to take him into custody.

Henry J. Forsyth was captured while floating down the Colorado river on a self-made raft.

"Did I get the old man?" Elliott's captors are quoted as saying he enquired when arrested.

Told that Westwood was dead he was reported as saying: "Well, boys, I fell off a cliff last night and lost my gun; otherwise we'd settle the court matter right here."

Forsyth and Elliott broke jail after the evening meal had been served to them. Westwood, shot three times was found dead in the doorway of the jail soon after the two prisoners were seen fleeing in opposite directions. They had been arrested Wednesday for robbery of a road camp and were also believed to have committed robbery in Colorado.

DRILL CLAD CUBA REFUSES TO TAKE UP PAJAMA CULT

HAVANA (AP)—While certain sections of the United States are casting about for costumes providing more comfort during the summer months and engaging in a general contest for first place in pajama street parades, the Cuban clings to his customary white drill suit, always worn with waistcoat and coat.

There is no such procedure in Havana as going coatless on the main streets. When such a sign is encountered it is usually of a tourist whose perspiration has caused him to seek relief from all excess clothing. This to the Cuban constitutes the ultimate breach in good manners.

No matter how hot the day, the Cuban is fully attired but, strange to say, never evidences any effect from the heat. He is always calm and cool looking. Nor does he diff his coat at the office.

Tourists who come and seek some excuse in the belief that white drills are cool—which is not a fact. They only look cool. The drill is not only closely woven, but is stiff with starch and there are no air vents in the fabric.

The drill suits are survivals of old customs to which the Cuban clings tenaciously. It is said that if Cuba stopped wearing drill, the majority of textile mills in Ireland would go out of business.

Oregon Has Car for 3.96 Persons

During the last six years automobile registrations in the United States have increased 62 per cent. During the same period in Oregon, car registrations have increased only 43 per cent. In 1923 there were 163,967 cars registered in Oregon and in 1928 there were 248,118.

There is a car for every 3.96 persons in Oregon. The rank by states in this regard is sixth.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—President Hoover is determined that the present negotiations for naval disarmament shall not be obstructed by the activities of shipbuilding corporations pecuniarily interested in the construction of American vessels of war.

MEMPHIS, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Miss Ruthy Green, 18, of Woodward, Okla., and Ernest Douglas, 15, of Memphis, were killed and Frank Hays, aviator, was believed fatally injured in the crash of Hays' airplane here today.

DE WILLING BEATEN

at least a half dozen short punts, ranging from four to eight feet, he would have won the match long before the end.

On both the 14th and 15th holes in the morning, after beautiful gitch shots, Johnston missed short punts by inches and wins. Both finished the first round in even par, eight over par, to show the extent of their poor scoring, but Johnston

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redemed an erratic outward 13 by coming back in 37, only one over par. In fact, "Jimmy" played the last eight holes of the first round in even par. Willing was out in 41, back in 26.

They started shakily again in afternoon, both taking two shots out of traps on the 19th to reach the green, but Johnston got down in five to win the hole and square the match. Thus encouraged, Johnston took command of the situation for the first time. He began to hit his shots with more confidence, boldness and accuracy. He missed a five-foot putt for a win on the 21st but took the lead on the 22nd for the first time when Willing putted three. "Jimmy" blanked his tee shot to the 160-yard 23rd hole, 19 feet from the cup, and won the whole with a three after Willing was trapped and exploded to the opposite of the green.

Aided by a "break," Johnston won his third straight hole and virtually settled the match on the long 502-yard 24th, which bends around the cliff at the ocean's edge, and finished uphill.

Going for the green with his second shot, using a spoon, Johnston half topped the ball and it barely carried over the coast that cuts part way into the elevated fairway. He was still 60 yards short of the green but laid a chip shot dead, eight feet from the cup. Willing chipped short, missed his putt and Johnston holed for a birdie, the first and only one of the entire contest.

Willing was game right down to the finish, but he was a beaten man from then on. Johnston, on the other hand, was putting for most of the holes, was putting for the win while "Doc" was struggling for the half. On the 10-yard 25th, Johnston missed a six-foot putt for a birdie two which would have made him 4 up. Willing had to get down in one putt on the 26th to get a half. He won back a hole at the 27th, when Johnston was trapped, but the end was in sight.

Johnston won the 28th to become three up again, when Willing's second shot sliced over the ocean bank.

The doctor made a remarkable recovery with his niblick, reaching the green, but he could not sink a 20-footer. Both were in trouble on the short 30th but Johnston finally took it with a four to Willing's five. This hole marked the fourth time in the match that Willing took two shots to get out of a bunker. It seemed that what hopes he had were buried in the sand tonight for in such of these occasions he lost the hole.

All Johnston needed to protect his margin of four up was to halve the next three holes and he did it, helped on the 31st as well as the long 32nd by brilliant chip shots that enabled him to offset mistakes and get down each time in one putt.

Johnston then marched to his first national championship at the age of 33 in a tournament that knocked the dope all over Pebble Beach and the surrounding California countryside. So lightly were "Jimmy's" chances regarded that he was only No. 6 in the ranking list used for "seeded" purposes. Dr. Willing was No. 7, but all those higher in the rating fell by the wayside. Champion Jones went out in the first round along with George Von Elm, while Jess Sweetser, George Vought and Cyril Toley passed out in the third round. Yesterday Johnston disposed of Francis Ouimet while Willing conquered H. Chandler Egan in the semi-finals.

LIGHTNING CAUSES TRAGEDY

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would be conducted from the general offices of the T. A. T. here. The four-day search for the plane was conducted from St. Louis headquarters.

After receiving news of the finding of the wrecked aircraft, J. V. Magee, vice-president and general manager of T. A. T., issued this statement:

"We can hardly hazard a guess as to what happened. However, we promise a very complete investigation. We probably will not know anything about the cause of the crash until foot parties from Grant, N. M., reach the ship and return with reports."

The mountain side where the crash occurred is 18 miles north of the Santa Fe station of Acomita, N. M., and about 65 miles west of Albuquerque.

As the departure from Albuquerque, westbound, was at 10:20 a. m. Thursday, T. A. T. officials believe the crash occurred shortly before noon that day.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 7.—(AP)—The T. A. T. air liner "City of San Francisco," apparently was struck by lightning before it crashed on Mount Taylor, eye witnesses of the wreckage riding in a Curtiss flying service

plane said on basic return to Albuquerque from a trip to the vicinity, early tonight.

(By Lieut. George K. Rice, West-ern Air Express pilot.)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 7.—(By The Associated Press)—We had feared that the T. A. T. plane was north of its course on an account of a storm which had been seen over the Petrified forest on Tuesday when we flew the route from Albuquerque to Las Angeles.

When we left Los Angeles this morning we went to the Petrified forest which is about 20 miles south and east of Holbrook, Ariz., and we then zig-zagged through the mountains keeping a constant look for the plane.

We climbed the southern side of Mount Taylor and at about 1000 feet above the ground we saw scattered bits of aluminum, saw bits of duralumin expanded about one-eighth of an inch.

Then we saw the left wing of the plane, where it had been cut off by striking a tree. The wing was turned inside down and we could read the numbers 2479.

The balance of the plane we saw about one hundred yards beyond this point. The plane had caught fire.

From our altitude we could see the initials T. A. T. but most of the rest of the cabin was in ashes. We could also see part of the elevator.

On last Tuesday when we flew over this territory the storm was laying over Mount Taylor and was blowing from the southwest and blowing fast.

We encountered the storm on Tuesday between Holbrook and Albuquerque.

It looked to me that the T. A. T. plane got into that storm and that it closed in down upon it. If it had had another 500 feet of clearance it would have been all right. But in that storm Pilot Stove probably could not correctly judge the altitude.

The plane had struck while it was going east which shows that it was apparently returning to Albuquerque.

After we saw the plane today we came into Albuquerque and reported our observations to the officials of Western Air Express by whom I am employed and to the Transcontinental Air Transport.

In company with Paul Scott, a T. A. T. pilot, I boarded a T. A. T. plane and with three other planes as escort, guided them back to the spot on Mount Taylor where we had seen the wreck of the plane.

The plane is lying in a territory which will be extremely difficult to reach. From the cables that we made over the mountain this afternoon I believe it will be necessary for the rescuers to go by foot or horseback up above the timberland and then down the mountain to where the plane now lies.

Above the timber line here is at the present time a sheep-pen with a band of sheep but there is apparently no trail or road leading to the immediate vicinity of the wrecked plane.

The nearest town or settlements are Laguna and Grants.

I do not believe anybody can reach the site of the disaster within less than 24 hours and it will probably take twice that long to bring out what they find. I do not like to say it, but I am convinced that all aboard were instantly killed and that their bodies have probably been cremated.

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Ruth Luy Studio To Re-Open MONDAY SEPT. 9 Miss Luy has just returned from Colorado where she studied dancing at the Perry-Mansfield Camp. Students may enroll now for Class and Private Lessons in BALLET, TOE, GERMAN, TAP, CHARACTER, MUSICAL COMEDY, ACROBATIC, BALLROOM, SPANISH and PLASTIC. Room 3, Sparta Bldg. Phone 1259-R

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"There is a hint of Autumn in the air," as a British General reported from Plandaris during the late war.

W. J. L. of Jville came over at 4 the other morning and found 2 Nipponese noppists up ahead of him.

Golf-enthusiasts of the valley were forced to say "Ouch!" Friday when Henry C. Egan was best of Pebble Beach.

Local foundries of learning opened Tues.

C. W. Ashpole went to Grants to see the Woyde. They praise was bestowed on everybody but the builder of the boat, viz. C. Virgil Strang.

Fall autos are making their appearance, driven mostly by down-trodden citizens, who have not had a new auto since last May.

Heiria Bill-Gates was a visitor at the state prison Tuesday, and got home all right.

Tommy Stove was heard blating loudly on the English version of something the last of the week.

The maple trees have commenced to moult their leaves upon the neighbors lawn.

G. Washington Maddox, the eminent Methodist and sinologist, reports a suspicious helping of chicken on the 4th, to which he did justice. Miss Maddox refused to eat the chicken gizzards as they make you feel your assets.

The police have notified former residents of Portland they cannot pile their winter wood on the sidewalk curbs.

There was an incident here over J. D. Russell's store Wed. Eve., which caused a great outpouring of the 4th. The cause of the blaze is not known, so it must have been due to a carelessly thrown cigarette ash.

Rain and the county fair are scheduled for this week. Owing to the keen interest in the harness races, the county fair has approached slower than usual.

Brisbane's Today

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plan interference for Russia. They accuse Russians of propaganda destined to overthrow the stable government by money.

Some truth in both complaints, perhaps.

Britain's labor government seeks a way to "end strikes and lock-outs."

In a recent cotton strike workers lost \$5,000,000 a week in wages. The mills lost \$7,000,000 a week in export trade and must fight to get it back.

Aviation is the only way. If the labor government can find arbitrators that both sides will treat, periodic employers to play fair, and union men to keep bargains, when they find they cheat like them, it will render inestimable service to Great Britain, and teach this country something it needs to learn.

From the material point of view, Russia will gain by her continuous industrial year.

There will be no stoppage of machinery on Sunday or other days during the 350 days each year five other days, six in leap years, that will be devoted to patriotic, business, holidays.

Each man who has his real time longer than under his day and Sunday plan. But machinery will never stop, except for repairs.

To make machines work all the time, and give men reasonable leisure, would be the ideal program. But, of course, Sunday should not be neglected—especially on a basis openly hostile to religion.

France Has bumper Wine Crop PARIS.—France's 1929 crop of wine probably may be its quality with in whatever be a bumper crop. Reports from Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux and the other regions say the crops are of phenomenal dimensions and plentifully garnered, promising a big yield. The effect on prices is another matter.