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CRIME and COOAN By ROLAND BURNHAM MOLINEUX, Author of "The Room with the Little Door"

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M HREE times a day, morning, noon and night, the caterer with his assistant passed through the corridors of the

old Tombs prison, dragging along a huge basket and carrying a tremendous can. How well I knew the cry with which they vend their wares, "Coffee, pie and rolls!" "Coffee, pie and rolls!'

There is something about this worthy of more than a mere passing notice

of more than a mere passing notice. In the first place the announcement never varies. The same words have been used and heard since the time, some S0 years ago, when this same old Tombs was new. Think also of the great and good men who have hungered and waited and listened and bought and hungered again! Suppose that you are there now,your-self, and the grim wolf is howling out-side the door of steel--I mean "hun-ger," not the caterer-you would un-doubtedly stop the bearers of the can and basket; you would be sure to pur-chage coffee, and very probably a roll, but should you attempt to become the possessor through legal purchase of a ple, a psychological fact of the deep-est importance would be developed. Now ples are of many kinds. To at-tempt to classify or even caumerate plests. "What kind have you?" or words to

What kind have you?" or words to "What kind have you?" or words to that effect, would be your anxious in-quiry, and in clear, unmistakable An-glo-Saxon would follow the statement, "Apple, mince and cocoanul." Never has this reply been known to vary; the formula is eternal, and there is no accent placed on any of the four words. There is no attempt to co-erce your choice.

words. There is no attempt to co-erce your choice. How we all go through life wasting words! What useless question, what equally useless answers! All this con-versation with the caterer relative to the variety of pies has been but mere persiflage, for you will buy-cocoanut. This is a fact which the slightest in-vestigation will prove. Let the legis-lature send a solemn committee to ex-amine the carterer's books. Let the proper scientific association meet, in-oure, discuss, and tell us why it us ample in carlier is sociation meet, in-quire, discuss, and tell us why it is that of the millions of pies that have been sold in the Tombs 98 per cent of them have been constructed from the cocos nuclfera. The apple withers and the mince decays, but the cocoanut blooms eternal in the Tombs. And the Tombs is the very home of crime. Now, think of the vast importance of a clear conception of this fact. Are these men criminals because they par-take of cocoanuts, or do they consume cocoanuts because they are criminals? Which is the cause, which is the ef-fect?

which is the cause, which is the ef-fect? The enormous importance of this question cannot be underestimated, be-cause if the former be true, destroy all coceanuts, and we eliminate crime from our long suffering world and the millennium is at hand. The fact is before us that criminals eat coceanuts--the criminal appetite is for the coceanucfera. What, there-fore, is the deduction? Always a-thirst for knowledge. I put the case plainly before my friend, the catterer, and was astonished to see that unhappy man fail upon his knees and beg me not to betray what I had learned, because-because--... At last I got the truth from him by threaten-ing to tell my discovery to one of the female missionaries in confidence, which is equivalent to sending any-

the female missionaries in confidence, which is equivalent to sending any-thing to the Associated Press. -He told me the truth; at least he told me what I believe to be the truth. But his disclosure wrested from my unhappy brow the laurels of a pioneer of science, for my discovery was an-other's scoret. of science, for my discovery was an-other's secret. In former days the prison barber had

go forth a free and happy man, and all this because the barber has a sym-pathetic heart and cannot bear to see had paused, trembled and had dared not to tread. you suffer. While telling you all this he is

while telling you all this he is caressing your neck with his razor. He does not theraten to cut your throat if you don't accept the district attor-ney's offer, but he does insist that you are severing it for yourself if you refuse.

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At least you listen; you are obliged to, and you never repeat what is told you. Every one knows that the com-munications of a barber are privileged. For many years this ideal state of affairs existed. Then there came in-to the office of district attorney "a blatant circus horse," smoking innu-merable cigarettes and playing to the gallery with might and main. He pro-fossed to abhor the political "bosses" out of whose hands he had eaten all his political life. One boss had given him his first appointment as deputy assistant district attorney. Another

I appealed to a very learned man. "It is not crime, it is rhetoric," he To his illumined mind the applica-

To his illumined mind the applica-tion of all law is simple. He saw at once that those who eat cocoanuts are guilty criminals and those who do not eat them are innocent men un-justly censured. Immediately blank reports were drawn up in his law department and furnished to the caterers of all pris-ons, who, ever since, have filled them out and sent them to the district at-torney's office daily. The formula runs as follows: One cocoanut pie represents a man with

The formula runs as follows: One cocoanut pie represents a man with the incipient capabilities of a mis-demeanor. Two cocoanut ples indicate a lawless citizen capable of larceny, but-three cocoanut ples is indicative of an unhappy wretch guilty of mur-der in the first degree.

Since that moment reform, just and perring, has spread her wings over

coanut," the accent is on the cocoa-nut, the connective makes it more powerful, and the last word is the strongest part of the sentence.

Origin of Des Moines.

After three years of discussion and escarch, the city of Des Moines, capital of Iowa, has formally decided that its name is not of French extraction, The discussion was brought to a crisis three years ago when an erudite Down East writer in a magazine demanded that "the early French explorers, such

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mystified as to its meaning in French,-New York Sun.

Puzzle for Postoffice Clerks.

Cleverness is one of the attributes necessary for every man who is em-ployed in the postoffice sorting mail, for he meets with all kinds of freaks in the shape of letters peculiarly ad-dressed. Some jokers appear to think that all the postal clerk has to do is to solve nurselas

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that all the postal clerk has to do is to solve puzzles. Recently at a Boston office a letter was received addressed "Wood, Mass." with a line drawn under the "Wood" and over the "Mass." The letter went out the same day it was received and reached Mark Underwood, Andover, Mass., for whom it was intended, and the postal clerk who had solved the riddle did not think he had gone any-thing brilliant. It was all in his days work,-Boston Journal.

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always been the confidential "side partner" of the district attorney. This is the barber's ancient and inalienable is the barber's ancient and inalienable right. You are in durance vile, await-ing trial: you desire to be shaved. With great forethought that which is called justice has made it impossible for you to de this for yourself. The barber comes: he is sympathetic: he knows your case perfectly, better than you do yourself. It is hopeless. Convic-tion, years of imprisonment stare you in the face, the future is yery dark indeed. But the barber, he, his own self, per-

But the barber, he, his own self, personally, has a friend in the district at-torney's office. For a consideration (all you have in the world) your in-dictment will be dismissed, ball will be accepted—in fact, the barber has an-other friend who will attend to the matter of bail for you. And you may

his blissful and unsuspecting coun-When I had learned all this from

him his political life. One boss had given him his first appointment as deputy assistant district attorney. Another boss made him a judge, still another had fallen into error and made him a full fledged district attorney. You didn't find the circus horse howl against "bosses" in those days. But when the "bosses" saw the evil they had done and said "nay" to a renomina-tion, the blatant circus horse discov-ered what lost, sinful gouls the "bosses" were. Alas for the gentle barber and his pious work among us. The blatant

Alas for the genue barber and us-picus work among us. The blatant circus horse would have none of him. Seizing the axe with which he nad re-formed the greater part of the world, the horse pranced into the Tombs. He investigated and made the same discovery that I had made concern-ing orth and coccanuic, but he went

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question. Oh. reporters, who have stood breathlessly around his desk, peer-ing through the haze of cigarette smoke at the great man as he slum-bered, do you recall how, when he awoke and "unbuttoned his mouth." he would lay his hand upon his heart and declare that he had indisputable evidence against some wretched male-factor? Know, then, that the cater-er's report was on file, that the sus-pected man had been tempted with apple, mince and cocoanut, and had chosen cocoanut. Do criminals love cocoanuts? They-

question.

Do criminals love cocoanuts? They affect them to such an extent that they go after them. Cocoanuts come from the south. Where did Valet Jones go when he was set at liberty and where did Dodge flee to when he got the chance?

Monkeys! What are more mis-chievous?---and they love coccanuts, and incidentally for many years most of the assistants in the district atter-ney's office have been---well, from the south.

Again, and this cannot possibly be denied, there is not one single, soll-tary Esquime in the Tembs—there are no coccanuts in Greeland.

The deduction is uncerting. It can-not even be questioned. Does not this fact alone prove that ice and cocoa-nuts are incompatible? Can there be even the smallest sin or error in an ice trust in which cocoanuis cannot possibly bloom for geographical and horticultural reasons?

herticultural reasons? This is "the milk in coceanut," and let none guiosay it! How else can we account for the conduct of the "the horn avenger" regarding the General Slocum disaster, the Park Avenue hotel fire, the collapse of the Hotel Darlington and the New York Central tunnel holocaust, to say noth-ing of the insurance robberies, of all of which cases he took personal charge? He investigated thoroughly, but there was no legal proof that the directors or those responsible had ever eathen coceanut pie. athen cocoanut ple.

Another of those responsible had ever eathen coceanut pie. Having the key to the situation, an-other mystery is explained. The blat-ant circus horse shadowed "Apple Mary" when she entered the judicial chambers of the first department. In her basket reposed fractional parts of the succulent cocos nuclfera. Mary respeared. The cocos nuclfera had been removed. There could be but one decident. The blatant circus horse curvetted to the City club, to Chau-tauqua, to the Delta Phi society, and, trembling with emotion and other things, he declared: "Worst of all is an elective judiciary—a thousand times more terrible than those officers I have referred to. I was educated to be a lawyer and had instilled in me a desire to reverence the bench. And now, gentlemen, I have no reversnce. I have not even everyday common re-spect for the justices of the supreme court of the first department."

Once more do men eat coconnuts because they are criminals or are they criminals because they cat eccoa-nuts? Patient inquirer, you are about to learn. It is neither.

my informant, the caterer, my respect for the blatant circus horse was as boundless as-I don't know what, But I was lost, for I had eaton one coccount piel But I was lost, for I had eaten one coccanut pie! This is the present method in the district attorney's office--no more "sweat box." no "third degree," no grand juries or trials, no arrests even. It is no longer a question of dividing the sheep from the goats or the clean from the unclean. Does the accused eat coccanut pie or not? That is the question. AN APPEAL FOR FEMALE POLICE.

Mrs. Julia Goldzier, of Bayonne, N. J., is making strenuous efforts to es-blish the policewoman as a permanent American institution. She be-Mrs. Julia Goldzier, of Bayonne, N. J., is making strenuous efforts to es-tablish the policewoman as a permanent American institution. She be-lieves that women on the police forces of cities will be a good thing; that they can take care of children much better than men; that they can prevent boys smeking and keep women from entering saloons. She has a very peer opinion of man as a general adjunct of creation, and in a pamphlet which she has written and circulated she calls him a tyrant and other things actually complimentary. equally complimentary.

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