CAUGHT BY CHANCE.

I tried the bottle of the smiling man first and could not refuse an entrance. Calling a waiter, together we managed to open the door wide enough to get into the room.

I could hardly express an exclamation of horror. The body of a boiler maker was lying against the door, his head and shoulders projected up by the door itself. Blood was flowing from an ugly looking wound in the right temple and there was a pool of blood on the floor. There was a clock in the room and I noticed that it was exactly a minute to ten.

The victim was pronounced to be not dead, and was removed, unconscious, to the hospital. The police took a description of the room and proceeded to make inquiries and deliberate.

The facts in the problem—for a problem it very soon appeared to be—were these: One of the waiters said he had been summoned to the smiling man by the bell, and that he had found the door with the man. Gas, whom he identified as the victim, was sitting at the table in the middle of the room, with his back toward the door, reading. The clock was opposite in the two opposite corners of the room. He could remember nothing of the appearance of the two men, who were strangers, but the unfortunate took at the table was familiar to him as a frequent visitor. He remembered the clock in the room striking a quarter of 10 when he brought the drink.

He thought he should have noticed their faces if they had come down the passage from the smiling man into the hall, as he had stood left the bar and had not turn at all long during the ten minutes. Besides, the position of the body against the door made it impossible that any one could have left the room after it had fallen without moving it.

The room was about 12 feet high and had no window in the walls. It was lighted up by a skylight, about 4 feet by 1, immediately over the table. This could be opened about four or five inches by means of a cord or pulley, but it was shut. From the very tables man, sitting on the table and jingling, would come to him. The chimney was impossible. If the two men had not gone down out of the door, how had they left the room? It seemed a hopeless puzzle.

Next morning I found my friend the superintendent, who told me the latest developments. The alarm of the managers was not seriously injured after all. He had required no assistance and had been able to fill his story.

He had then hurriedly concocted a very satisfactory clue and had the proceeds—11 sovereigns—in his pocket. He had sat down on the table, with his back toward the door, and taken up an evening paper.

Suddenly he felt himself seized by the throat and spring on his feet, only to be forced back against the door. He struggled in vain, being pinned to the door by one man, whom he identified as having facial complexion and a stock, fair complexion, while the other, a smarty looking fellow, rifled his pockets. Then he felt a violent blow.

In the form of this, the theory of recovery from the floor exploded. He must have fallen at once. So the man could not have left the room by the door.

We gave up the skylight theory, mainly because it seemed wholly impracticable for any man to reach that outlet. Even a chair on the table would not have done it, and there was no indication of any chair having been on the table.

A week passed and no one was any nearer solving the mystery than ever. The injured man now very much better, but had been able to add nothing material to his original story.

I happened that evening to stroll into the Duchess theater of varieties, barely five minutes' walk from Gudrid's, with a friend about 9 o'clock.

We were watching the Barnardiston brothers, a pair of acrobats, whose contortions and feats of strength were exciting rounds of applause. I think the feat which pleased most was a joint performance on a horizontal bar about ten feet from the ground. One spread himself on to the shoulders of the other and grasped the bar. The other seized the ankles of the first and was drawn up until he, too, could reach it.

I was thoroughly enjoying this exhibition of strength and skill when my friend remarked:

"These acrobat fellows would make short work of your skylight, could as the latter's, it strikes me."

I looked carefully at the man. They were tall, well built and athletic, and, moreover, one was dark and one was fair. It was not much to go upon, but it was enough to make me nothing.

The next evening I met the superintendent, and, though he ridiculed the idea at first, he ultimately promised to make inquiries about the men. He suggested that as a preliminary step the victim of the robbery should go to the Duchess with a view to identifying the men.

A couple of days later he went, but would say nothing more definite than that they certainly looked as if they might be the men, but he really couldn't say more.

Meanwhile the superintendent had been making inquiries, and he met me outside the theater with a curious smile on his face.

"It's no go, young man," he said. "Your idea won't work. The Barnardiston brothers were here on the 8th—the night of the crime—at 10 o'clock, and they are on every night at 9 o'clock at the new Mode hall—have been since the 1st. It takes them all their time between 9:15 and 10 to get here in a hansom. They haven't missed a night either, here or at the Star. I'm afraid we won't get that kind of an alibi."

I got into a musty habit of smiling about in the neighborhood of South street and the Duchess, for I still took an interest in the doings of the brothers Barnardiston. One night I was strolling down South street on my way home when I saw the Barnardiston brothers again. They were strolling quietly up the street, and they went into No. 11. I knew they were not at the Duchess at 10 o'clock, and I had the curiosity to run round to the music hall. From the gallery I soon amazed to see them in the very middle of their wonderful performances.

Well, it's no use to going into all the details. I had found the solution of the puzzle, though it took some time to work it out. There were two pairs of acrobats, very similar in appearance and each pair capable of performing precisely the same feats. They had engagements at various music halls, and sometimes one pair attended and sometimes the other.

A great many coincidences were traced to them, after suspicion had fallen on them. All three had taken place between 8:30 and 11 in the evening, during which time one pair or other was always engaged at the music halls. By this means they had remained unsuspected for weeks—by strangers.

How to Build a Fire.

To arrange a fire well, a shovelful and well known process requires some judgment. If the paper is put on the bottom of the grate, the natural tendency is for the air of 100, and the pieces of wood too large, the iron of the grate obstructs the heat so much that it will not have strength enough to kindle the wood, so, if it does take fire, the combustion is too feeble to set fire to the coals that are heaped upon it. The better way is to have some pieces of choice inflammable coal and to lay a few pieces at first on the bottom of the fire, but without covering them entirely. Then lay on the paper, or shavings, then the wood and on that some pieces about the size of eggs and no fine coal. When the whole is kindled, let it burn up before any more coal is added. The coal laid at the bottom will take fire by the time that the wood is nearly burned out and will, by its flame, keep the fire slight. If a fire is thus laid and kindled, there is no reason why it should go out.

How Many Fox-Terpentine May Be Put To.

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How to Remove Different Kinds of Stain From Linen.

Wine stains in linen may be effectually removed by holding the stained article in milk that is still boiling on the fire. Fruit stains are best treated with yellow soap, well rubbed in to each side of the stain, after which lay a piece of pearlash in the stained portion of the fabric and boil the article in water. When nearly removed and exposed to the light and air in drying, the marks will gradually disappear. Mildew spots on linen should be rubbed with soap and fine chalk powder.

How to Prevent Ingrowing Toe Nails.

Never cut the nails below the level of the end of the toe, for ever soft them to grow much beyond that level. If nails grow in the side, scrape them at the top, and cut them often both in and at the opposite corner.

How to Make Good Soap.

The first essential is a clean, tightly covered bottle, either tinned iron or porcelain lined, holding not less than two gallons. Whether reduced or unreduced wood is used, it should be cut into small bits and all bones broken or sawed into short pieces, that the marrow may be easily extracted.

How to Shine Boots Quickly.

Do not black-lay, but rub with a piece of orange. Let the juice dry in and then polish with a soft brush, when they will shine like a mirror.

She Had a Reason.

"I don't believe Sallie can know that rich old Brown or she'd never marry him in spite of all his money."

"Why not?"

"He has such a violent temper."

"Oh, that's all right. That's why she has been giving so much time to gymnasium work lately."—Chicago Post.

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Salt Lake City Foundry and Manufacturing Company, with principal place of business, Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT a meeting of the directors, held on the 10th day of July, 1897, an assessment of one cent per share was levied on the capital stock of the corporation, payable on or before the 17th day of August, 1897, to John H. Wells, secretary and treasurer, at his office in West Temple South street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Any stock upon which this assessment may be made unpaid on the 17th day of September, 1897, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 6th day of October, 1897, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expense of sale.

JOHN H. WELLS,
Secretary.

23 West First south street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the main side of canals with gates, in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the purpose of repairing the canals and water ways, will be closed along said portions of said canals and laterals during the period of time from August 10 to August 20, 1897, inclusive.

By order of the Board of Public Works, with the provisions of the ordinance of said city.

J. L. RAY,
City Engineer.

Aug. 5, 1897.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A meeting of the stockholders of the Copper Mountain Mining and Milling Company will be held at the office of the Board of Copper Mining company at 201 and 202 Walker Bank Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, for the purpose of increasing the indebtedness of said company on and not in excess of the amount of money owing to be for a period of 3 months on the 20th day of August, 1897.

CHARLES MARSHALL,
Secretary Copper Mountain Mining & Milling Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

WHEREAS, MARION W. NEWCOMB, on the 1st day of November, 1893, at the request of the undersigned, duly executed and delivered to the undersigned, his deed of trust, of the following described real estate, situate in the County of Salt Lake, State of Utah, to wit: Lot 3, Block 3, Plat "D" Salt Lake City Survey, and the undersigned, at the request of the beneficiary named in said deed of trust, duly recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said County, in Book 21 of Mortgages, page 420, records of said County, and whereas default has been made in the payment of the principal and interest on said note, which said note and deed of trust, for the principal sum of Two Thousand Dollars, bearing date November 1st, 1893, and payable one year after date, with said