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THE STOLEN DIAMONDS.

THEY WERE REPORTED LOST BUT WERE REALLY STOLEN.

The owner was enjoying a lark and so was relieved of the valuable packet—it was finally given up by the female who had originally appropriated it.

What about that seven hundred and fifty dollars worth of jewellery that was found on Brittain street by a police official, is a question that troubles not a few persons about the city. And if all rumors are true the Chief of Police would like a tip or two on the true whereabouts of the big find.

The only information the big find has given regarding the case is a short paragraph which reads as follows:—

"Detective John Ring found a package of jewellery on Brittain street, which he returned to a commercial traveller who had lost it."

All that Chief of Police Clark knows about the finding and returning of so valuable a packet, is the little that the police official told him. There is lots more to tell if the finder chooses to divulge what he knows, or if certain women were made to speak.

The jeweller could tell a little more, but of course he has had his experience and has got his jewels and is now away from St. John and its light fingered ladies of Brittain Street house of not a very savory reputation.

There is a story afloat that the official did not have to look for the jewels, in fact the story goes that they were conveyed to his house and handed to him.

The story is to the effect that although some of the daily papers said the jewels were found by the officer, and although the police report book bears an entry which reads: "A package of jewellery found on Brittain street, can be had by owner applying, etc etc" that the jewels were not lost, nor found, but simply stolen from a commercial man who while on a bit of a time was doing the city and was relieved of his bundle in a Brittain street house by one of its inmates.

The story further goes that when the jeweller discovered his loss, he went to the detective and made him acquainted with the facts. The official the story says visited the house interviewed the thief and about midnight the package was handed to the detective. Later the package was taken to the station by the same official and they were booked as "found."

There are now in Dorchester Penitentiary some unfortunate of both sexes for things stolen. How different for these poor wretches had they only "found" the articles instead of stealing them, or better protection might have been given them had they been inmates of a house, of doubtful reputation one house in particular.

Some people suggest an investigation by the Chief of Police. The chief would doubtless do his utmost to get at the facts, but how much the inmates of the house can tell will never be known, as they would hardly tell the truth even on the witness stand.

A Doctor's Escape.

HALIFAX, Aug. 12.—On a recent occasion a respectable and well-to-do grocer on Prince street had occasion to stretch a string of flags across the street from the South-east corner, where his shop is situated, to Duffie's on the north-west corner. This work emblematic of rejoicing, was undertaken in the evening and the bunting floated to the breeze till after midnight. Then its doom appeared, and a strange doom it was. Stranger still, that the man to execute it should be a very prominent north-end M. D., and a friend who fortunately for himself is yet unknown.

The doctor's keen eye was attracted by the bunting, and he decided it should come down. It was only the work of a few minutes the taking of it away. The flags were tied up in a bundle, and removed to a neighboring house, whose proprietress keeps very late hours. The woman was surprised to see so much of radiance as the flags brought into her place, but she took charge of the string of flags, promising to hand them over to the owner in the morning, with the doctor's compliments. The grocer did not wait for their slow return, however, but in the early morning "raised hue and cry" for their recovery, his search was successful and the story came to his ears how the North end doctor had removed the flags. The injunction to the fair recipient of the flags to return them in the morning may have been what saved the North end medico from serious consequences, but the shop keeper now has a pull on the doctor. Be careful Dr.—; some of these little escapades may yet cause a big sensation.

A Good Time Anticipated.

The committee in charge of the Grocers picnic are working hard to make their outing to the Isle of Pines on the 18th inst a success. The different features already announced through the press is sufficient guarantee of a good days sport. A four oared professional boat race with the

MADE A SLIGHT ERROR.

AN ARDENT SUITOR CARRIES HIS ATTENTIONS TOO FAR.

He seeks an introduction to a pretty actress and then takes the boat for Grandview—but is hurriedly ejected from her private apartments.

There is a young, or a little past what might be termed a young man, who enjoys a good government position in this city who has a failing for actresses especially if they be good looking and have youth on their side. This gay cavalier is a regular attendant at the Opera House, and is fairly well known, first from the fact that he comes of a good family, and better perhaps because he recently figured in the daily papers in a runaway actress affair. The many patrons of the Opera house, who attended the performances of week before last, remember the daintily pretty little blonde soubrette who danced and sang her way into the heart of the audiences. They might easily recall the gentleman who sat near the door twirling his moustache.

The pretty little soubrette had made many conquests in her day, but it is said this city breaks the record for persistent suitors, and in this line the man of the government position has a good lead to claim the championship.

The lady in her professional capacity met many newspaper men, and a few outsiders who asked to be presented. The ardent official was one who sought the soubrette company and he found a friend who introduced him.

The introduction was given and the admiring gentleman saw the lady to her boarding house on Leinster Street. There he chatted at the door and the gentleman became very much interested in the lady's countenance; he asked how many of the company stopped at the house; if she had a good comfortable room and so on. The young lady told all, even to the pleasant room she had on the next floor.

After a little handshaking and a pleasant good bye her escort walked off and she entered the house with a good opinion of her new friend.

After the performance that same evening, and close on to twelve o'clock, while the young soubrette, was preparing to retire for the night, a rap on her room door startled her.

Thinking it was some of the other ladies of the company she put her dress on again and opened the door and was most unpleasantly surprised to see her new friend of the afternoon standing hand in hand. An exclamation pretty near a scream, brought one of the musicians of the company to her way from an adjoining room and the order of bounce had to be indulged in.

The admirer was hastily ejected and the landlady's explanation of how the intruder gained admittance to the house was sought. He said the bell rang and when answered, the visitor said "I wish to see Mr. D—; but don't disturb him. I will just run up to his room." He did not seek Mr. D—s room, but went to that of the lady instead.

The soubrette was justly indignant and it is needless to say cut her new acquaintance when she next saw him.

THE MEN SAW THE SHOW.

But the Living Picture did not materialize and all were disappointed.

Citizens who had occasion to pass a certain store on Union street near the Opera house a few days ago were surprised to find that the store was about to be occupied but from all appearances it would not be used for ordinary business purposes. The place was fitted up in a manner entirely out of keeping with the ordinary store. Heavy ornate portieres were hung across the front of the store so as to screen the entire place from the gaze of the curious passers-by. A narrow entrance was left at one side and in the alcove formed by the portieres a female figure was gracefully posed.

This figure was visible from the street and attracted considerable attention as it fully exemplified the attractiveness of beauty undressed. Attractive cards advertising the famous "Parisian living pictures" and inviting all gentlemen to enter and see them were placed in each window. They served their purpose admirably as they excited the curiosity of all the men that passed that way and the majority of them decided to see for themselves the advertised wonders.

The effect of the cards was augmented not a little by an energetic young man who stood outside of the door and in the usual stereotyped manner invited everyone to come in and see the show as it cost but a dime. In many cases his invitation was accepted and the visitor passed behind the ornate curtains. When he got inside he naturally looked for the pictures but they were not visible. In their stead he was motioned to a number of stereoscopes which were placed around the walls of the room. On looking through the glasses saw views resembling miniature magic lantern views would be seen and these constituted

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The Egyptian waxed wrathful and threatened to break up the furniture, when the proprietress of the place called in a policeman who without enquiring into the facts of the case hustled the offending Oriental to the sidewalk and threatened to arrest him if he did not go about his business.

As he had no desire to visit the interior of a St. John jail, the peddler shambled off apparently quieted but deep down in his heart he vowed terrible vengeance on everyone connected with the dive.

In the morning he returned to the place in a half drunken condition and demanded that his wrong should be righted with the threat that if he did not receive satisfaction he would turn the whole place upside down. Again a police officer was called and this time things proved more serious for the peddler than in the afternoon. He was arrested for drunkenness and taken to the Central station where he put in the night.

Next morning he was taken before the magistrate and fined for being drunk and disorderly. As he had not the amount of his fine he was sent into jail for 30 days where he will have plenty of time to consider on the magistrate's decision and wonder if it could not have been modified a little with just as much effect.

HE ENJOYS A JOKE.

Police magistrate Ritchie is after prize fighters again, and this time like all previous times he is after them to the windward, with the stress upon the wind. Several times the magistrate has delivered a few little remarks about what he will do if the principals, backers, sponge holders, if witnesses, of these exhibitions are brought before him, and on any occasion when the chief and his men present a few before him he cracks a joke or two and let's them go.

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price's lodge and the changing of it into a club house for the association. But with all their good works the Ramblers this season do not seem to have upon them the smile of fortune. The club opened the season with the engagement of the Webbling Sisters, and that show was such a financial failure that the executive found themelves \$100 behind on their guarantee. Then when the carnival came in sight the club hired rooms in which to house visiting wheelmen at so much per head per day, and thereby make an honest dollar or two. This proved a failure even greater in proportion than the Webblings, and the club emerged from the carnival \$40 poorer than when the festivities began. For the past couple of years the annual track sports realized a considerable profit to the club, but the race meet on Saturday was disappointingly small and netted nothing in the way of cash to the Ramblers.

But this vigorous club, with its 300 members, is only in a brief day of adversity. The bright era is sure to come, and the reverse of 1896 will only add more pleasure to the good times when they do come.

LOOKED LIKE A SCANDAL.

Ald. Musgrave Succeeded in Bringing Some Unwelcome Facts to Light.

HALIFAX, Aug 13.—At Tuesday evening's meeting of the city council one might have heard the proverbial pin drop while alderman Musgrave was unearthing what he considered a good sized contract scandal in the city works department. Ald. Musgrave is not the kind of man who likes sensations he is just the opposite, but he was the author of this one. He charged that Mayor McPherson acting for the works department illegally awarded the contract for hardware supplies claiming that he made the award without the necessary authority of the city council, his second charge was that the mayor awarded it to Black Brothers who were as the aldermen figured it out higher than H. H. Fuller & Co. Thirdly he alleges that the price list kept in the board of works office, and upon which bills were checked as they came in for payment, was mysteriously changed by a sort of film (am process. Ald. Musgrave went at length into the matter, reading the correspondence he had had with the mayor on this subject. Then the aldermen showed how Clerk Reilly, of the board of works office, acting under instructions from the mayor and it subsequently appeared, had pointedly refused him access to the bills, and not only refused him but the city auditor as well. He stated that bills which had been checked on one of those official price lists had been altered, after some people smelt a rat, in accordance with a new price list, it seems clandestinely introduced. A committee of investigations was appointed.

This little murre's nest is said to have been discovered by a hardware clerk with an inquiring turn of mind [in the employ of one of the firm's interested, who put Ald. Musgrave on the case, and it certainly shows pretty good detective work, at the same time some people may retaliate on another line. It is said that a quantity of pine base sold by one of the firms in questions under a guarantee, proved faulty, and that the firm thus rendered itself liable for a little bill of about \$1200. This is something that has not yet been stated publicly, and whether here is anything in it remains to be shown. This hardware and hose question may yet become still more interesting. Let the fight proceed.

Kept the Crooks at Bay.

HALIFAX, Aug. 12.—Chief O'Sullivan of the Halifax police force, and Detective Power, are filled with a complacent satisfaction because of the way they kept the crooks at bay during the carnival. They did not wait till criminals were actually committed before they began their work but arrested "suspects" in advance, thus terrorizing the advancing hosts of evil. They pulled these people in by wholesale, and created such a panic in the crook brigade that it made no attempt to fleece the public, and Halifax escaped scot free. It was easier sometimes for the police to pull in "suspects" than for the officers of the law to keep them. Such it was in one case at least. Burglar James Frantz slipped a handcuff when he was on his way from the august presence of Judge Johnston to the jail; darted along Gratton street, disappeared from view; made his way to the colored settlement, bargained with a couple of negroes to row him across the basin, and when they had done their work he skipped off again leaving them unpaid. Chased during the afternoon by jail officials Frantz made his way to Windsor junction and when night came was allowed to get away as he liked. This desperado's man's actions reflects all the more credit on the Halifax police, who captured him in the first instance. Chief O'Sullivan and Detective Power, with their force of forty men, clearly proved them selves the right men in the right place on this as well as on an other occasion.