

Plots to Imprison the Innocent

CONVICTED—BUT NOT GUILTY

A stock incident of fiction is bringing a false charge against somebody with a view to sending him to prison frequently, here to prison. Wildly improbable as such a thing seems, it sometimes actually happens in real life.

Not many years ago a man was charged with the murder of his wife. The principal witness against him was his sister-in-law, who stated that she was sitting in the drawing-room when the prisoner entered and threw a lamp at his wife, causing her to be burnt to death. He was sentenced to a long term of penal servitude.

A Woman's Spite.

After he had been in prison a few months his sister-in-law retracted her evidence. The man, she said, had not murdered his wife; her death was the result of an accident, she having set herself on fire.

The woman further declared that she had accused her brother-in-law of murder out of spite. Her story was discredited, particularly when she denied it shortly afterwards; but on her repeating it she was tried for perjury and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. Shortly afterwards her brother-in-law received a "free pardon."

A similar drama has all the elements of a sensational fiction. One night a Devon farmer was killed and robbed, and shortly afterwards a young woman and her former lover were arrested for the crime. They were soon released, however, only to be re-arrested for another offence and sentenced to penal servitude.

The Murderer's Confession.

In prison the woman brooded over her "wrongs," which included the rejection of her advances by a farm labourer named Galley, with whom she had fallen in love and on whom she wished to be revenged. So she told the governor that she had seen the murder of the farmer, who had been killed by Galley and another man. It was true that she had been a witness of the crime and that she knew the perpetrators, but that Galley was one of them was false.

He and the actual murderer were thereupon arrested. When they were put on trial the real culprit at once pleaded guilty and was removed from the dock—a circumstance that naturally influenced the jury, who found that Galley also was guilty; and, though his fellow-prisoner signed a declaration that he had nothing to do with the murder, he was kept in prison for twenty years.

After his release, however, his innocence was established, and the Government granted him £1,000 compensation.

Did the Law Blunder?

There was another remarkable conspiracy in connection with a burglary. A country parsonage was broken into by two men, one of whom fired at the clergyman's daughter as she came downstairs to ascertain the cause of the noise she had heard. Two men were convicted of the crime and sentenced to penal servitude.

Long afterwards two strangers confessed to the deed and affirmed that the men in prison had nothing to do with it. The new-comers were in consequence put on trial and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, whereupon the others were liberated.

That this was a miscarriage of justice there is little room for doubt, as it is virtually certain that the men first convicted were guilty, notwithstanding the tardy confession that procured their release; but the precise nature of the conspiracy that brought about such a deplorable result is not known.

Threatened from Prison.

It is supposed, however, that the men originally convicted received information that the others had killed a gamekeeper, and that they sent them a message from prison to the effect that if they (the alleged murderers) did not accuse themselves of breaking into the parsonage, something would be said about the gamekeeper's death.

Equally curious was a plot of a different character. A burglar broke into an office, from which he carried off a gold watch and other realizable property, as well as a quantity of papers. Shortly afterwards a detective met him, and, suspecting that he had made the haul, remarked that a reward would be paid for the recovery of the papers, but only if the thief was discovered.

The burglar walked away in a thoughtful mood. Presently, finding that he was being dogged by a man with whom he had quarrelled, and surmising that the shadowy object was to discover where the papers were hidden, he went by a circuitous route to a certain park, stopped near a shrubbery, and there pressed his heel on a bit of turf that seemed to have been disturbed recently.

Thief's Clever Ruse.

He then went to the detective and told him that if some officers were stationed near the shrubbery, that night they would catch the burglar (the man who had followed the burglar) in the act of removing the papers from the hiding-place where that

STEERS Ltd.

Christmas is Rapidly Approaching

Only 14 more Shopping Days remain, and the last of them will be of such activity that this store will be taxed to its capacity.

Many Practical Gift Suggestions

will be found in this Tuesday and Wednesday Bargain List for



Victor Flour

Choiceest Manitoba, in 14 pound cotton sacks. Special for Friday and Saturday, each 70c STONE.

Heinz's Fig Pudding.

A rich, steamed pudding, containing chopped figs in generous proportions. Light, wholesome, delicious in flavour. 15-ounce tins. Regular 65c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 55c.

"My Own" Evaporated Milk

Sterilized and contains no preservative or adulterant; 1-lb. tins. Reg. 15c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 13c.

Gold Seal Baking Powder.

Composed of phosphate, bi-carbonate of soda and corn starch. One pound tins. Regular 35c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 28c.

ROBERTSON'S JAMS—Strawberry & Black Currant.

1 lb. crocks. Reg. 50c. Tuesday and Wednesday 44c.

MARMALADE—Ginger and Pineapple.

1 lb. crocks. Reg. 40c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 30c.

MOIR'S SULTANA CAKE.

In one pound sealed packages or cut, as required. Reg. 60c. lb. Tuesday and Wednesday 55c.

WHITE'S PICKLES—10-ounce size.

30c. bottle. Tuesday and Wednesday 25c.

LIBBY'S MOIST MINCED MEAT.

Excellent quality. Very palatable & nutritious. 23 ounce bottles. Reg. 65c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 58c.

BLUE BIRD TEA—Choiceest blended Blue Bird Tea.

Very fine flavor. Half pound packages. Reg. 45c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 42c.

We have a small quantity of HIGH GRADE, SILK COVERED

Down Quilts

These Quilts were bought at considerably less than their regular prices. They are of exceptionally good quality and would make most exceptional Xmas gifts. The prices are: \$22, \$32, \$90 each

Gifts that are sure to Please HER

at Reduced Prices

Silk Poplin Shirtwaists.

High or low neck styles, with long cuffed sleeves, trimmed with fancy buttons. Black and Navy only. Reg. \$3.25. Sale Price, each \$3.25

Lawn Handkerchiefs.

Very fine quality with plain hemstitched hem and nicely embroidered corners. Reg. 12c. each. Tuesday 3 for 27c. and Wednesday 27c.

Perfumes.

Sardou's English Perfumes in delightful odors. Reg. 30c. bl. Tuesday and Wednesday 23c.

Wool Gloves.

Gauntlet style in Buff, Grey and Heather shades, with stripes or block designs at wrist. Reg. \$1.10 pair. Tuesday and Wednesday 89c.

Children's Hats.

Jade, Saxe, Navy & Fawn Felt, turned up shapes neatly trimmed with fancy stitching around the brim and crown. Reg. \$1.00 each. Tuesday and Wednesday 79c.

Cushion Covers.

Cotton lace with wide frill of same material; sizes 22 x 24 ins. Reg. 70c. each. Tuesday & Wednesday 54c.

Nail Brushes.

Stiff bristles in solid wood back. Regular 5c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 3 for 11c.

Colored Crayons.

12 bright colors to box. Reg. 12c. box. Tuesday and Wednesday 10c.

SHAVING BRUSHES—Best quality, strongly bound with twine to hold the bristles. Reg. 80c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 65c.



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Women's Dressing Gowns.

Of Wool Ripple Cloth in Rose, Grey, Purple, Saxe and Cardinal; made in full sizes with roll-collars, long sleeves, pockets, girdle at waist and nicely trimmed collar and cuffs with fine pin tucks. Reg. \$8.40 each. Tuesday and Wednesday \$5.10

WOMEN'S SILK AND WOOL ROSE.

The season's newest shades, in plain and ribbed knit. Reg. 90c. pair. Tuesday and Wednesday 72c.

GIRL'S GREEN ROSE.

Wide elastic rib and fine quality; sizes to fit 8 to 15 years. Reg. to 45c. pair. Tuesday and Wednesday 35c.

BUNGALOW APRONS—Plain Zephyrs in Rose, Saxe Blue and Navy, with fancy floral Zephyr panels. Reg. \$1.95 each.

Tuesday and Wednesday \$1.68

Men's "Paris" Garters

Single grip style in Tan, Black, Navy and Mauve. Regular 80c. pair. Tuesday and Wednesday 48c.

Men's Cotton Shirts.

In very neat pin stripes, and serviceable quality; will launder well and prove good wearers; sizes 14 to 16 1/2; collars attached. Reg. \$1.75 each. Tuesday and Wednesday \$1.39

Costume Meltons.

Heathers, Brown, Grey and Navy shades; a real good quality material for women's, misses' and children's wear; has the appearance and finish of even better quality goods; 44 inches wide. Reg. 95c. yard. Tuesday and Wednesday 72c.

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We Take This Opportunity

to urge everyone to consider this condition and make full use of the advantages the present time affords for satisfaction and comfortable Christmas Shopping.

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Toys and Smallwares

Furred Monkeys—Reg. 25c. each for 20c.
Dressed Dolls. Reg. 75c. for 60c.
Jack-in-Boxes. Reg. 25c. for 20c.
Toy Guns. Reg. 20c. for 16c.
Horses. Reg. 30c. for 23c.
Rattles. Reg. 10c. for 8c.
Metal Tarsys. Reg. 30c. for 25c.

Writing Pads, letter and note size. Reg. 20c. each for 16c.
Rustproof Safety Pins—Reg. 6c. card for 5c.
White Wove Envelopes—Reg. 8c. pkg. for 5c.
Self-Filling Fountain Pens—The ideal gift for school children. Reg. 55c. ea. for 45c.

Infants' Mitts—Pink, Pale Blue, Red, Fawn & White. Reg. 25c. pair for 20c.
Tin Trumpets. Reg. 20c. for 16c.
Spin Tops. Reg. 25c. for 20c.
Extension Cradles—Reg. 20c. each for 16c.
Climbing Mice, each 8c.

Gifts That Will Please HIM

at Bargain Prices

Men's Tan Kid Gloves.

They are always acceptable as gifts. The line we offer here is of very durable quality, with warm lining and strongly sewn seams; a full range of sizes. Reg. \$2.50 pair. Tuesday and Wednesday \$2.10

Oiled Leggings.

Shaped at the shoe to cover the lace holes in boots. These are very serviceable for wet or snowy weather and would make very useful gifts. Black only. Regular \$1.75 pair. Tuesday and Wednesday \$1.56

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs.

Size 18 x 13 inches, with w. hemstitched hem. Regular 85c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 70c.

Men's Brown Leather Slippers.

Very reasonably priced at their regular price of \$2.20; strong uppers and durable soles and heels; sizes 6 to 9. Special for Tuesday and Wednesday \$1.89

White Handkerchiefs.

A large size and fine soft quality, made with wide hemstitched hem. Reg. 25c. each. 2 for 35c. Tues. & Wed. 50c.

Men's Umbrellas.

Steelrod and strong seven rib serviceable covering. Regular \$2.75 each. Tuesday & Wednesday \$2.20

Men's Silk Ties.

A very nice assortment of the newest color combinations and designs; your choice from over a hundred different patterns. Reg. \$1.10 each. Tuesday & Wednesday 88c.

Brown Plaid House Slippers.

Just the kind you would like to give as Xmas gifts. They are strong, warm and very comfortable to wear, and are likely to be sold out very soon at this low price. Sizes 6, 7 and 8. Regular \$2.10 pair. Tuesday and Wednesday \$1.89

Men's Wool Gloves.

Rich Heather mixtures, made in Scotland from good Scotch yarn; they are heavy and warm and have comfortable long wrists. Regular 65c. pair. Tuesday & Wednesday 50c.

Men's Grey Flannel Shirts.

In a good, roomy, English make and fine quality; strongly stitched and well made throughout; turned down collar attached; all sizes. Reg. \$3.45 each. Tuesday & Wednesday \$2.27

Men's Brown Leather Romeos.

Solid leather throughout; made with elastic sides and soft rubber heels; sizes 6 to 9. Regular \$3.25 pair. Tuesday and Wednesday \$2.92

Linon Collars.

Good shapes, that are very much in demand at the present time, for boys' fine wear; sizes 13, 13 1/2, 14 and 14 1/2 only. Special for Tuesday and Wednesday 2 for 27c.

Boys' Tweed Suits

Very stylishly cut and well made from all wool Tweed Suiting in a nice Grey shade; sizes for boys of 6, 7 and 8 years. Regular to \$8.00 suit. Special for Tuesday and Wednesday \$7.10

Each - \$7.10

Women's Underwear

Fleece Lined, in sizes 34 to 38; high neck, long sleeve vests, ankle length pants. Reg. 70c. garment. Tuesday and Wednesday 63c. Regular \$1.35 garment. \$1.21

Infants' Bands

Of cream flannel, neatly taped. Regular 45c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 35c.

Children's and Misses' Overknickers

Pearl Grey Fleece Lined. Sizes 5 to 14 years. Regular 95c. Tuesday and Wednesday 75c.

Mottled Flannel

Assorted stripes, 28 inches wide. Regular 80c. yard. Friday and Saturday 27c.

Flannelette

Fancy stripes; 29 inches wide. Regular 27c. yard. Tuesday and Wednesday 24c.

Window Muslin

White and Cream in fancy cross-bar and openwork patterns; 40 inches wide. Regular 40c. yard. Tuesday and Wednesday 35c.

Cotton Plaids

Scotch Tartans, in big variety; 31 inches wide. Regular 32c. yard. Tuesday and Wednesday 29c.

Rope Door Mats

Fancy designs in Green and Fawn; size 14 x 24 inches. Regular \$1.10 each. Tuesday and Wednesday 92c.

Coconut Fibre Door Mats

Good strong quality; size 14 x 24 inches. Regular 90c. each. Tuesday and Wednesday 72c.

Boys' Black Wool Hose

7 to 12 years. Regular to \$1.05 pair. Tuesday and Wednesday 83c.

Boys' Winter Sweaters

Heavy wool weight; sizes 24 and 26 inches. Regular \$1.50 ea. Tuesday & Wednesday \$1.20

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watcher had deposited them after a burglary.

The trap was set, and just as the tracker was chucking at having "beaten" the burglar, the detective pounced on him. Naturally, he was furious and protested his innocence; but due course he was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for a crime he had never committed. So the curtain fell with the handing of £20 to the actual thief for the information he had given, notwithstanding that it led to the conviction of an innocent man, though this was not known to the police till afterwards.

Let T. E. Collett be the youngest man ever elected in Newfoundland by giving him your vote.—decl.81

Tirpitz Favors U-Boat Abolition

FAMOUS GERMAN ADMIRAL WOULD ELIMINATE SUBMARINE WARFARE.

BERLIN—The venerable Admiral Von Tirpitz, who advocated submarine warfare against Germany's enemies and developed the U-boat to its highest war efficiency, favors abolition of the submarine as a war weapon.

Asked for his opinion of this question, in the light of England's renewed effort to have the "wasp" of the sea" banished by international agreement the admiral declared that it would be "desirable," although he attached a condition to his advocacy.

"The sanctity of private property of the seven seas," he said, "conform to an ancient principle of law. Therefore, the abolition of submarines, extremely desirable, providing the subsequent abolition of the blockade follows a logical consequence."

Admiral Von Tirpitz told the United States early in the year, approval of discussion then under way suggesting that should President Coolidge take the initiative in another disarmament conference, he would welcome such a step.

But then as now he qualified his statements, (hitherto unpublished) saying:

"The idea of disarmament, is indeed, the pre-supposition upon which Germany at the end of the war laid down her arms and concluded the armistice."

"Since this idea was then only applied against Germany through the Versailles peace while other states, especially Germany's neighbors in Europe, continued to arm, Germany can only welcome the fact that the threads, broken since that time are again gathered up."

Von Tirpitz is prominent in the councils of the Nationalist party which has been fighting the Locarno safety pacts on the ground that they perpetuate and conform to the Versailles Treaty, which, they say, constantly flags Germany in chains.

Tirpitz is now a member of the Reichstag and active in all the movements of his group. His long, white beard, and stately form, are landmarks in the German Parliament.

Vote for the young man with a future ahead of him—to work for the city—T. E. Collett, the young Candidate.—decl.81

Elephant Amok

TWO MAHOUTS HURT IN STABLE FIGHT AT BARNET.

Five men had narrow escapes from death when an infuriated young bull elephant ran amok at Barnet, Hertfordshire.

The animal, with two large elephants, had just been installed in its stable at the depot of Mr. G. Bruce Chapman, livestock dealer.

Becoming infuriated, it picked up an Indian mahout (keeper), with its trunk, threw him on the floor, and ripped open his leg with its tusk.

Three other mahouts ran to the rescue of their comrade, but the elephant charged them and succeeded in pinning one against the wall, where it prodded him in the ribs.

A keeper named J. Card, who had endeavored to secure the enraged animal, was "knocked down," but rolling over just as the elephant was falling on its knees to crush him, he narrowly escaped death.