

Ghosts as Detectives.

CRIMINAL CLUES IN MURDER CASES.
 (Creagh-Jerningham, in Glasgow Weekly Herald)

The association of superstition with crime is easily understandable. For humanity has shuddered at the tale of "Cain." So there grew up stories connecting the unfortunates with the crime of murder.

Landru's Villa Mysteries.

It is curious to note that there have been several cases recorded in criminology where a supposed apparition has led to the arrest of a suspected murderer.

In the Landru trial superstition played its part in the evidence. The peasants around Gambsay testified that at night "strange unearthly cries were heard" while mysterious lights burned over the villa.

It being pressed for an explanation of the women explained that they imagined the cries and lights as supernatural events proving that Landru had been committed; and it was a popular belief that Landru was a wizard. This was brushed aside as trivial; but in a significant deep-rooted superstitions connected with murder, the "ghosts" and "spirits" are supposed to point to a suspect.

It may be recalled that the Ghost of Cook was too filmy, while the legend of Swainy Todd, the murderous street barber (who lured his victims into his cellar of death) was arrested through the vision of a murdered boy "appearing to his mother and telling her that he had murdered me," is well known, but unsupported by evidence.

A Spectral Dog.

Johnson often repeated a story he created a great impression upon public mind.

A gentleman of means was murdered in Soho, Square, and despite the genius of the police, no clue was as to the murderer. The dead man had a little spaniel, of which he was very fond.

Some months afterwards, a close friend of the deceased was walking by the scene of the tragedy when he noticed the dog endeavouring to attract attention. Having gained it, the dog set off at a great pace, until a dilapidated house in Oxford Street was reached. The dog ran inside, forcing the gentleman was immediately struck by seeing, in a case full of mumble of old watches, a watch which he knew had belonged to the dead man.

Inquiries were made, and eventually the keeper of the shop was arrested, confessed to the murder. But it was proved at the trial that, on the night the gentleman had been seen, as he heard, the dog, the animal had actually been in Scotland, having been there by the widow.

A Profound Mystery.

That case the apparition was an animal. But the "Hanging Sword Al" mystery of London is the classic instance of a ghost as a detective.

A man's naked body was found in a dark alley in the quiet alley opening out of the Strand. The head was missing. Some time later, a policeman following the alley was startled to the figure of a stooping man fitting the figure of him.

The night was moonlight, and, keeping the figure in sight, the policeman followed it down to the edge of the water. It appeared to be peering earnestly into the water. Suddenly, as the man came up with it, the stooping figure drew itself up, turned, gazed directly into the face of the constable, and vanished. "Flem," looking into the water, the hooded man had a head floating. It was the head of a murdered man. As a result, the man was identified, and a conviction obtained.

The Ghost and the Ring.

The Bartlett mystery was even more remarkable. In this instance a girl faintly murdered in London. A man of the name of Charles Bartlett was arrested. He protested his innocence, but the evidence against him seemed conclusive.

One night before his execution his mother had a curious experience. She was up at night when she saw by his side a neatly-dressed man with a face of blood on his forehead. The figure was that of a young man who had left the locality some time before. Upon the finger of the man appeared a ring. After a minute or two the figure slowly faded, leaving the nerve-shaking experience.

The next morning, the brother-in-law remembered that a ring had been found in the possession of the girl; it was examined, traced to a burglar man whose apparition had been seen, and eventually he confessed.

Such cases could be mentioned. But it has been written to show apparitions have been known to assist justice.

For seven days carry a pack of 30 times. He was tested cell, left to be stolen. When he claims, he was

Coughs or Colds take Phorone, it will

Making chocolate cakes a pinch added to the melted chocolate

Liniment for Burns, etc.

Liberal Offers Odds and Ends and Findings Throughout the Store Contribute Big Values for this For Cash Shoppers

STOCK-TAKING SALE!

To start the new business year off with clean slate, we have had a regular house-cleaning time of it, and from every nook and corner of the Store we have found many desirable merchandise treasures that for one reason or another must be cleared away now—even at a loss.

Inventory days, then, offer many unusual offerings in seasonable requirements. Come! Visit the Store and learn just what Bargain thrills these prices are for shoppers here

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Casement Cloths to make Cosy your living rooms

- WHITE GABARDINE**—42 inch White Gabardine makes a very serviceable Casement Curtaining. Reg. \$2.00 yd. **\$1.30** Friday, Saturday & Monday
- FAWN CASEMENT CLOTH**—42 inch Fawn Casement Curtaining. This has been a popular seller for this purpose. Regular \$1.70 yard. **\$1.00** Friday, Saturday and Monday
- POPLIN CASEMENT**—A pretty light blue shade of Poplin Casement. Two pieces to clear. Reg. \$1.70. **\$1.30** Friday, Saturday and Monday
- CHILDREN'S WOOL GAITERS**—Pull-over Cream Wool Gaiters, fancy knit; assorted sizes. Reg. 55c. **69c.** Friday, Saturday and Monday



STARTING THE NEW YEAR RIGHT with some Extraordinary Good Values from the SHOWROOM-READ!

- SILK AND WOOL VESTS**—Infants' fine Silk and Wool Vests, buttoned front; sizes to fit 3 months to 2 years. Reg. 80c each. **59c.** Friday, Saturday and Monday
- HAIR SWITCHES**—Real Human Hair Switches, in shades of Mid and Dark Browns. Reg. \$3.00. **\$2.69** Saturday and Monday
- TUCKED NETS**—18 inch Tucked Nets, suitable for dress fronts and vestings or linings; finely tucked. Reg. 75c yd. **38c.** Friday, Saturday and Monday
- NET BRASSIERES**—White Net Brassieres, with short sleeves, hooked front, trimmed with galon edging fitted with shields. Reg. 85c. **Friday, Saturday and Monday**
- LADIES' UNDERPANTS**—Ankle length Jersey Underpants; fine make; open. Reg. \$1.20 pair. **98c.** Friday, Saturday and Monday
- CHILDREN'S LEGGINGS**—Overall style, buttoned at sides and ankle; sizes 4 and 6; shades of Navy, Khaki, Brown and Black. Reg. \$2.00 pair. **\$1.84** Friday, Saturday and Monday
- LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS**—A goodly assortment of fashionable Skirts in Tweed, Cloth, Serge and Gabardine, in Navy and Black as well as some pretty Heather mixtures; button trimmed, pockets and belt; assorted sizes. Regular values to \$12.00. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$4.19**

Girls' Warm COAT JERSEYS

GIRLS' COAT JERSEYS—Heavy Knit Coat Jerseys, showing belt, turnover collar and 2 side pockets; just what is needed for winter wear, either at home or at work; assorted sizes; shades of Saxe and V. Rose. Here is absolute comfort for a little outlay. Reg. \$3.50. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.90**

Odds & Ends in the Fancy Linen Department. Worth while Values

- 12 ONLY SIDEBOARD CLOTHS**—Lace trimmed White Linen Sideboard Cloths, with lace insertion centre and drawn thread work. Reg. \$1.00. **Friday, Saturday and Monday 85c.**
- TEA CLOTHS**—16 only dainty Tea Cloths; one mass of handsome embroidering, eyeleted and wide hemstitched border. \$2.00 value. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.75**
- DUCHESS SETS**—Embroidered White Linen Duchess Sets, with hemstitched border; 4 piece sets. Reg. \$1.90. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.65**
- GLASS CLOTHS**—Hemmed strong Linen Crash Glass Cloths; full size; best quality. Reg. 65c. **Friday, Saturday and Monday 42c.**
- TURKISH TOWELS**—Medium size half bleached Turkish Towels, Crimson and Fawn striped. **Friday, Saturday and Monday 32c.**

BOYS' MACKINAW COATS 11.50 Regulars for 7.90

These comfortable looking Coats for boys we specially reduce for this Sale. Dark Grey shade, patch pocket, belted style, long roll collar; to fit boys from 12 to 17 years. Reg. \$11.50. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$7.90**

SOUNDING LOW-LEVEL PRICES IN THE MEN'S SECTION

Men's Latest Winter-Model OVERCOATS are SPECIALLY REDUCED

- MEN'S COAT JERSEYS**—Excellent value here in Wool Coat Jerseys for men; shades of Navy, Green, Maroon and Brown, V-neck or plain or with roll collar; comfort in every one of them. Regular to \$7.00. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$4.95**
- MEN'S BRACES**—An assortment of neatly finished Braces; some with leather fastenings; other white cord. Up to \$1.20 each. **Friday, Saturday and Monday 75c.**
- MEN'S TOP SHIRTS**—A nice assortment of Striped Neglige Shirts, coat style, single cuff, nearly all sizes, marked down to below landed cost. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.39**
- MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS**—Your choice of hemstitched White Lawn or colored border Mercerized Handkerchiefs. **Friday, Saturday and Monday 29c.**
- MEN'S HORSEHIDE BOOTS**—An extra strong, well set up winter boot, heavy sole, thick rubber heel, blucher style. You'll like it and it's easy fitting shape; were \$11.00 pair. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$6.00**
- MEN'S PYJAMA SUITS**—Striped Flannellette Pyjama Suits, turn-over collar, made in full-fitting sizes; these were \$4.30 suit. **Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.45**

Our Stock of BOYS' SNUG TOP COATS are Interestingly Priced

- BOYS' PULLMAN CAPS**—One-piece Striped Saxony Pullman Caps; these look well and the boys like them best; assorted Grey, Brown and Blue striped. **Reg. \$1.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.20**
- BOYS' LINED KID GLOVES**—Left over from our Christmas Sale—Dark Tan shade, very soft kid, warmly lined, one done wrist; up to \$3.00 pair. **Friday, Saturday & Monday \$1.79**
- BOYS' WOOL GLOVES**—An assortment of Boys' Dark Wool Gloves, some leather bound wrist; other closed wrist; assorted sizes. Regular to \$2.00 pair. **Friday, Saturday and Monday 83c.**
- BOYS' HOCKEY BOOTS**—Well made Box Calf Hockey Boots for boys, low laced and ankle protection, solid leather sole and heel. **Sizes 9 to 13. Friday, Saturday & Monday \$3.70**
- BOYS' GREY SWEATERS**—Fine Grey Wool Sweaters, not too bulky, long roll collar, comfortable for wearing outdoors skating or hockeying. **Regular \$3.80. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.95**

English Super-line LONG CLOTH

36 inch superfine English Longcloths with a beautiful sheer surface; a pleasure to stitch. You'll need a few yards to make up for spring wear. **Friday, Saturday and Monday 32c.**



WADDLED QUILTS

Large size, heavily waddled and quilted, with pretty art coverings. On these several lines we have made substantial reductions for this opening New Year Sale.

Reg. \$9.50. **Friday, Sat. & Monday \$7.20**
 Reg. 10.50. **Friday, Sat. & Monday \$8.40**
 Reg. 16.50. **Friday, Sat. & Monday \$12.20**

Princess Mary. SOCIETY WHISPERS ABOUT THE WEDDING.

That some official announcement is made, society tongues will keep on whispering about Princess Mary and the probable date of her wedding to Viscount Lascelles. The rumour that finds most favour is that the ceremony will take place about February 21.

The "Weekly Post" understands that Princess Mary's wedding dress is to be made by a famous man dressmaker of Hanover-square, London. The same dressmaker was entrusted with the making of a wonderful dress in which another Royal bride, a cousin of Princess Mary, went to the altar a year or two ago. It was said recently that the dress would be made of cloth of silver.

Plans as to the wedding dress are not yet complete, but it is expected that a final decision will be made very shortly. If Princess Mary is to be married in February, there is not too much time for the settling of many important details in regard to the dress in which she will be married.

For instance, should the Queen and Princess Mary decide that, following the precedent set by many Royal brides, the wedding dress shall be of hand-woven brocade of a design symbolising the union of the British Isles, about ten weeks would be required for the designing and weaving of the fabric and for the preparation of the looms for the weaving of the special design.

Ex-soldier Embroiderers. In this case it is probable that ex-soldier embroiderers would be entrusted with the work. It is anticipated that whether brocade or hand-embroidered satin is used for the gown the material would be specially woven by English workers who are experts in using hand-looms. The pure white silk which is alone considered fine enough for the wedding robes of a King's daughter will have to come from China. For coloured silks the product of Italian silkworms suffices.

Bridesmaids Not Yet Chosen.

Arrangements for the Royal wedding are proceeding apace, but the "Weekly Post" learns on the best authority that the bridesmaids have not yet been chosen. It is fairly certain that one or two Royal cousins will be invited to attend Princess Mary when she marries Lord Lascelles. It is more conjecture to pick out any of the girl friends whom the Princess may be expected to make choice.

V.A.D.'s Wedding Gift.

Lady Amphilh announces that all past and present V.A.D. are invited to join in the V.A.D. wedding gift which is to be presented to Commandant Princess Mary. Subscriptions, which are limited to 1s, should be forwarded through the Commandant of the subscriber's own detachment before January 1st. It was in 1913 that the Princess became a fully-qualified V.A.D.—Liverpool Post.

How to Find a Perfect Lady.

Ten Questions For Fair U.S. Undergrads.

(Liverpool Post)

Not one girl in Willard Hall, Northwestern University's main hostel for women, is a perfect lady, according to Chicago statistics.

The most circumspect in the hall (said a Chicago telegram recently) is only 90 per cent. "moral," if judged by the standards of her mother's day. The gayest of them—alackaday!—is 20 per cent. ladylike. Someone, anxious to rate the deportment of the university girls, distributed a "morality questionnaire" in the hall. Each girl was asked to answer ten questions about her behaviour, with secrecy, so far as names are concerned, strictly guaranteed.

These were the questions:—
 Have you ever cheated?
 Have you ever been kissed?
 Have you ever smoked?
 Did you ever consciously tell a lie?
 Have you ever used intoxicating liquor?
 Have you ever danced improperly?
 Have you ever worn improper clothes?
 Did you ever have a "crush"?
 Were you ever on a "petting party"?
 Have you ever done anything you would conceal from your parents?
 One girl had to write "yes" after eight of the questions, according to the compiler of the statistics from the questionnaires. No girl in the hall was able to write "no" ten times. The most ladylike return contained only one "yes." It came from a girl who never had been kissed, never had told a conscious lie, never drank liquor, nor smoked, nor danced improperly. Her one confession of sin was the first on the list. She had cheated.

The 20 per cent. girl who put an affirmative answer after eight of the questions made "no" her answer to the tenth question. She had nothing to conceal from her parents, she said. The statistician would not say which of the remaining nine "sins" the wickedest girl denied.

The average for the hall was 60 per cent., which means five average girls confessed to four of the ten misdemeanours named.

Household Notes.

Violin strings make excellent strings for beads.
 Prune custard is good served with chocolate sauce.

Cream taken after meals is excellent to increase flesh.
 Cooking oil can be used instead of butter for salting nuts.

Flavor apple blanc-mange with a little grated lemon rind.
 When frying doughnuts, never crowd them in the kettle.

If you use a washing-machine, dissolve soap before using.
 In boiling potatoes, allow just enough water to boil dry.

A bit of chopped ham, or chicken, is excellent in stuffed eggs.
 Keep pickles in a dark, dry place, in either glass or stone jars.

Cream dressing is most appreciated when served on fruit salad.
 Whipped cream beaten into fudge makes it unusually light and rich.

Broiled green peppers make a delicious finishing touch to a steak.
 The easiest way to sift pumpkin is to put it through the potato ricer.

Spread soft gingerbread with marshmallow cream as soon as it is cool.
 Before beginning to paper a house see that the chimneys are clean.

Serve potato salad on rounds of ham and sprinkle with chopped dill pickle.
 Sprinkle a little cheese on pineapple when making pineapple sandwiches.

Every housewife does not know that tea may be bought in compressed tablets.
 Rinse cut glass in bluing water if you wish it to have the utmost sparkle.

Fashion Plates.

LADIES APRON DRESS AND CAP.



Pattern 3439 portrays this model. It is cut in 7 Sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. A 35 inch size will require 3/4 yard.

Dotted or figured percale, gingham, seersucker, chambray, drill, linen and alpaca could be used for this style.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 15c. in silver or stamps.

A NEAT AND "EASILY MADE" DRESS FOR A LITTLE GIRL.



Pattern 3783 is here illustrated. This one piece style is cut in 5 Sizes: 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years. A 6 year size requires 3 yards of 36 inch material.

Repp, poplin, gingham, chintz, calico, crepe, crepe de chine and gabardine are good for this style.

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Minnor's Liniment for Burns, etc.