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**PARIS POLICE MYSTIFIED BY AN EPIDEMIC OF CRIME**

Signalman Shot as He Stood On Duty in His Box.—No Apparent Incentive for the Crime.—Heroism of His Noble Wife.—Police Fail to Obtain Any Clue as to the Murderers.

**HOW INGENIOUS THIEF SECURED A BIG HAUL OF VALUABLE JEWELRY**

Marks of a Man's Teeth in a Print of Butter Lead to Arrest and Conviction of a Murderer.—Lack of Parental Control and Influence of Moving Pictures As Causes of Crime.

Paris, June 28.—Several extraordinary crimes are puzzling the French police. Among them is the murder of M. Ulysses Poulain, which comes as a strange sequel to the capture, conviction and execution of the ringleaders of the old Garnier motor bandit gang. Old Poulain, known as Father Ulysses, was a track guard on the Northern Railway. His signal box stood not far from the St. Denis station. There, at 3 o'clock one morning, he was shot to death. His wife, who dwelt in a cottage nearby, heard the report of the pistol and found the body.

A number of fast trains were due shortly, and Poulain's wife, with scarcely time for an outburst of grief, took charge of the signal box and gave the expresses the proper signals. The Calais flyer she flagged, and her husband's body was taken aboard and removed to the Northern Railway Station, Paris. Meantime, the widow kept at her post till 6 a.m., when she was relieved.

**Bullet Found**  
On the floor of the signal box was found the bullet which, after piercing the murdered man's head, rebounded from the fall. It was of the kind used by members of Garnier's gang. Footprints were discovered in the vicinity of the signal box, and the police learned that three suspicious men were seen in the early hours of the morning changing their clothes in a field not far from the scene of the crime.

Two years ago Garnier and two of his friends cut the wires fifty yards from the signal box in which Father Ulysses met his death. Their intention was to cause a railway accident and rob the passengers. Poulain discovered the plot and warned the police. The express was saved. Some time afterward Poulain began to receive threatening letters.

A few days ago news was received from Nantes to the effect that a daring jewel robbery had been committed there. The victim was M. Mounot, a travelling jewelry agent, whose box of gems was removed mysteriously, and another box, filled with soap, put in its place. Mounot had come from Besancon with a box full of jewels, valued at over \$10,000, and a valise. He carried them to the store of M. Piazolles, his best customer, with whom he left them while he called on his other customers.

**A Forged Note Gets Gems**  
According to Piazolles, a messenger called on him some hours afterward, presented a note signed "Mounot," and carried off the box and valise, saying he was going to take them to the railway station. Soon after the messenger left Piazolles phoned to Mounot, who said he had given no order for the removal of the box and valise. Mounot hurried to Piazolles's place. Scarcely was he there when the messenger walked in and handed up the baggage check for the box and valise. The note signed "Mounot," he told Mounot and Piazolles, was given to him on the street by a man who was a stranger to him.

Mounot hurried to the railway station and reclaimed his precious box and his valise. At least he thought he had reclaimed his precious box, but when he examined its outside more closely he found it was only a clever imitation—and inside there was soap instead of his jewels.

The messenger told the police the box at the railway station was the very same he took from Piazolles's store. It was at first supposed the substitution of one box for another was made while the messenger was carrying the valise to the luggage room.

M. Piazolles left Nantes while the police were questioning the messenger. He was traced to Paris and there he vanished.

**Burglar's Tell-Tale Teeth**  
The marks of a man's teeth in a print of butter have solved the mystery of a burglary at the home of M. Duclos on the Rue Danton, Montcausson-Bots. The police finally suspected Pierre Bassaud, a former servant at the house, and he was arrested. "I am innocent," he said. "Well and good," replied the Commissary of police, "we will wait and see," and he sent out a sergeant to buy a pat of butter.



"And now will you be kind enough to take a bite?" he suggested insinuatingly. "I know you have a taste for butter, and this is nice and fresh." Pierre bit and left the imprint of eighteen teeth, one of which was broken. Then, solemnly, from an official cupboard, the Commissary produced "exhibit A"—a bitten pat of butter which had been found in the kitchen of the burgled mansion. The tooth prints when compared tallied exactly.

**Cause of Crime**  
The increase in the number of young criminals in Paris is due, in the opinion of Henri Robert, a criminal lawyer, "to the disunion in families, the abuse of divorce, the fact that boys no longer are apprenticed regularly to any useful trade, to a false instruction and loose education, absence of religion in the bringing up of youth, drunkenness, reckless publicity given to all crimes, and, finally, moving picture shows, which often exploit scenes where the police are represented as powerless in the presence of crime."

Louis Napoleon Jacob when brought to trial in Paris on a charge of counterfeiting put up a novel defence. He had been in the employ of the police as a spy in the motor bandit cases, and his excuse for making bogus money was that he had done so merely to gain the confidence of the Anarchists on whom he was spying. The Paris police, class all professional criminals as Anarchists. The police denied any knowledge of Jacob's counterfeiting operations and the court sentenced him to three years in prison.

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Get a few large knobs of chalk and lay them at the back and sides of a fire. They will burn as red as coal, give a lovely heat, and save the coal.

To ensure a Yorkshire pudding always being light, it is a good plan to add a tablespoonful of cold water to the batter just before placing it in the oven.

Honey and Glycerine, mixed in equal proportions, is an excellent remedy for cracked lips. It should be applied every night till the cracks are thoroughly healed.

Before frying the breakfast bacon, cut off the rind and dip each rasher in flour; then fry or grill quickly. This prevents the fat from running and gives the bacon a better flavor.

When a cup of strong tea is required, instead of putting an extra spoonful into the pot, add a spoonful of sugar. This opens the leaves of the tea, and make the tea stronger.

A mixture that will remove grease from the finest fabrics is made of one quart of rain-water, two ounces of ammonia, one teaspoonful of salt-petre, and one ounce of shaving soap cut up very fine.

If at any time you have a gathered finger or poisoned hand, take a cabbage leaf, roll it out with a bottle until the juice comes, and tie it on the affected part. This will draw and cleanse it far better than a poultice.

An excellent fat for frying purposes is made by rendering together two pounds of beef suet and one pound of leaf lard. Be careful not to burn; drain into a jar and you will have one of the nicest frying mediums imaginable.

If you are assufter from rheumatism, nervous dyspepsia, or neuralgia, eat plenty of celery, either stewed or raw. If stewed, very little water should be used, so as not to waste the valuable salts contained in this vegetable.

If, when sending or taking a hat by train, it is secured to the bottom of the box by a few strong stitches of thread, the most delicate hat will not be crushed, as, no matter how

the box is turned about the hat will not move.

Before baking potatoes, let them stand in hot water for fifteen minutes. They will require only half the time for baking, are more mealy and palatable, and if they are baked in a glass oven, the saving in gas is considerable.

Curtain rings sometimes run with great difficulty, and seem to stick to the pole. To remedy this, take all the rings off and well rub the pole with coal oil until it is quite smooth, when the rings may be replaced; they will then glide along with the greatest ease.

Lemons may be kept a long time without becoming dry if put into a jar of water with a lid. The water should be changed once a week if the lemons are to be kept long. When used, they will be quite as firm as when fresh, and, if anything, more juicy.

A clever way to re-heat a roast of beef so that it will not reveal in flavor or tenderness its second appearance, is to wrap the roast in a piece of tough paper, buttered. Then put in the oven until thoroughly heated, but do not, however, allow it to cook. The left-over gravy is reheated and poured into a hot gravy boat.

It may be fresh information to some young housekeepers that chicken left from a meal should not be covered until the next serving. When chicken is covered a poison is developed in it which may prove at least exceedingly unwholesome. Keep the chicken in an open bowl in a cool place.

One of the quickest known ways of dispelling a headache is to give some of the muscles—those of the legs, for instance—a little hard, sharp work to do. The reason is obvious. Muscular exertion flushes the parts engaged in it, and so depletes the brain. When your head aches take a stiff walk or a short bicycle ride.

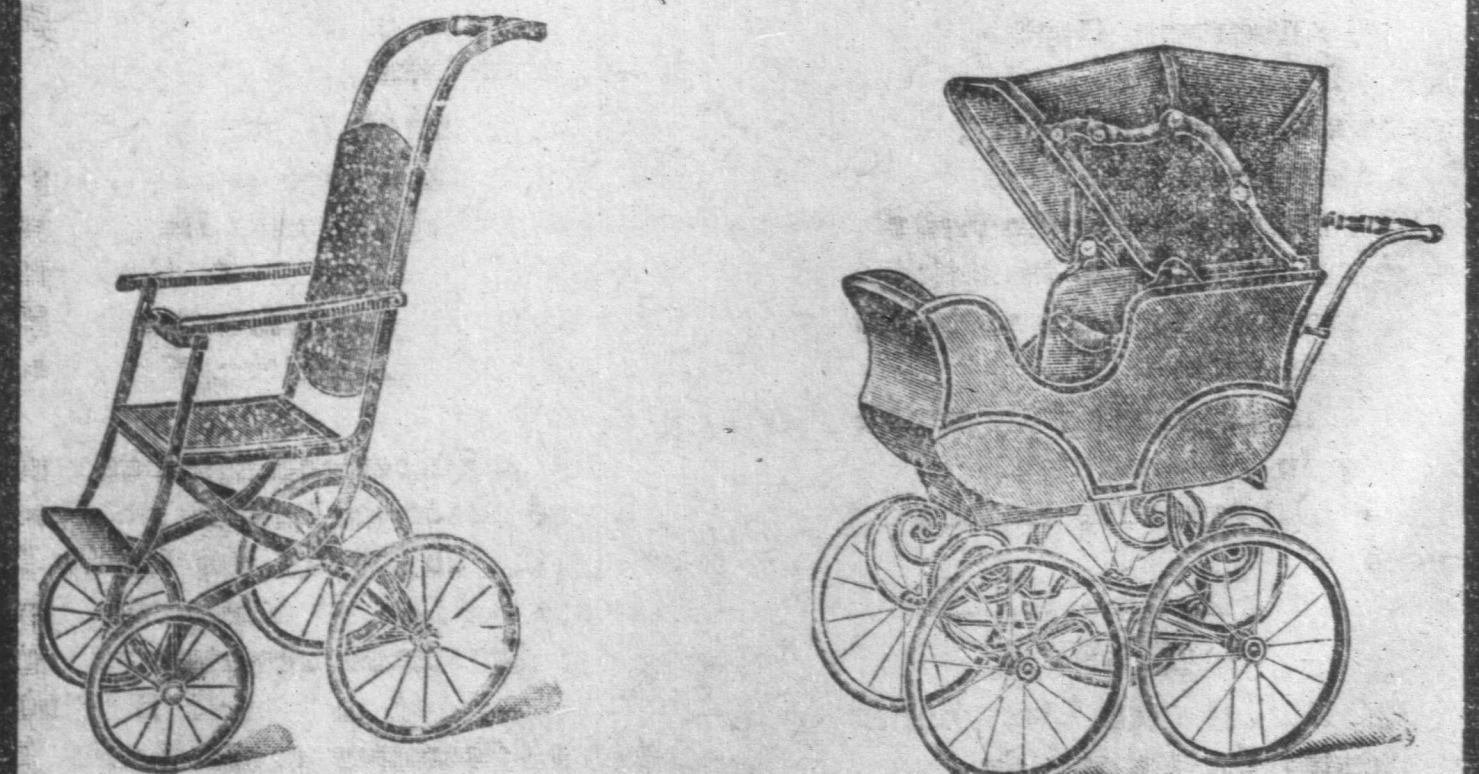
To make tough steak tender, put three tablespoonfuls of salad oil and one tablespoonful of vinegar on a large flat fish. Lay the steak on the mixture and let it rest in this way for half an hour. Then turn it over and let it rest another half hour in the same quantity of vinegar and oil. The toughest steak will yield to this treatment and be nice and tender when served.

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