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A JUDICIAL PUZZLE.

BY ELLIOTT FLOWER.
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The first problem that had confronted the town of Millidgeville was a comparatively trifling one, although it created a sensation. Enos Marley had been killed in the night. The finger of suspicion pointed to two troublesome local characters, who had seemed to have more money than usual after the murder and robbery of Enos. But there was no other evidence. They had been arrested and tried, and the trial had been a profit of sensations. If guilty, it was conceded that they ought to be hanged. Even the lawyer for the defense admitted that, holding that there could be no compromise verdict. Either they were guilty or they were not guilty. If guilty, they deserved the full penalty; anything less would be an admission of doubt, and they were entitled to the benefit of any doubt. The jurors would stultify themselves if they stopped anywhere between the two extremes.

The lawyer for the defense, it may be said in passing, was a very able and far-seeing man. He had been a lawyer in the town of Millidgeville in many, many years, and the quiet, God-fearing people were of a class who would hesitate a long time before sending a man to his death. He knew this—he knew that capital punishment was a heavy burden to the average citizen, when responsibility rested with him—and he chose to play a desperate game. He knew that if he lost the case, he would be in the street for a hanging when he would hesitate to vote for one in the jury-room. So the lawyer for the defense insisted that it should be all or nothing, relying on his ability to raise a sufficient doubt to make it nothing.

That was the first sensation. The defense in at risk did not seem to make that there should be no modification of the extreme penalty, and the course pursued in this instance created comment.

The second sensation was even more startling. As the trial drew to a close, it was rumored that Abe Wenner, one of the defendants had broken down and confessed.

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ONE SALOON FOR EVERY 54 CITIZENS.
That is the Way St. Louis Liquor Sellers Are Preparing for the Fair.

It is estimated by the excise commissioners that there will be three hundred and thirty saloons in St. Louis this year, more than there were in 1903. The increase, it is said, will be due largely to the fact that the city is preparing for the World's Fair, during which the saloonkeepers expect to reap a harvest. The number of licenses already issued is 340, more by 150 than were given out in the six months between January and July of last year. Estimating the population of St. Louis at seven hundred thousand, this gives the city one saloon to every fifty-four male citizens. The revenue which will be derived during 1904 in license taxes from saloons is \$1,400,000. Of this amount, \$1,200,000 will go to the city and \$200,000 to the state.

The majority of licenses issued in St. Louis are for six months, beginning with January 1 of each year. The tax for a six months' license is \$300. Of this \$250 goes to the city and \$50 to the state. In addition, there is a license tax of \$250 and a fee of \$2 for the excise commissioner, making the cost of a six months' privilege to run a saloon \$800. Sixty per cent. of the excise commissioner's fee goes to the state.

While the local option law of Missouri does not apply to St. Louis, the application of the statute in the city results in a peculiar situation. In fact, the majority of the taxpayers of every block or square may solve for themselves. Should they desire to have a saloon, they may apply to the excise commissioner for a license, and if a majority of the taxpayers have signed a petition asking for the same, they may be granted.

Under the law, only a person over twenty-one years of age and of good moral character is entitled to a saloon license. There is no law, however, prohibiting a saloon without the consent of a church or school. The excise commissioner exercises the right, however, to give his discretion.

For some reason the saloon business in St. Louis is not so profitable as it once was. In 1902, most of the saloons in the city are owned or controlled by the brewers. The brewers, in fact, have a large interest in the saloon business. In 1902, most of the saloons in the city are owned or controlled by the brewers. The brewers, in fact, have a large interest in the saloon business.

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The Flour of the Family

Spring wheat makes strong flour suitable for bread only—lacks the delicacy and flavor of the Fall Wheat.

Beaver Flour

a blend of both, combines the best qualities of both kinds of flour. It is the best family flour. Makes light nutritious bread; delicious pastry.

WANTS CANADA TO PROTECT GAME.

Secretary of Maine Sportsmen's Association Wants Great Need of Uniform Laws.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 15.—General E. C. Farrington, secretary and treasurer of the Maine Sportsmen's Association, and Game Association, and an authority on laws relating to these subjects, are called, and he has been trying to get the game laws of the various states and provinces of the United States and Canada into line.

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FROM THE WOODS.

Lumbering Operations Have Received Slight Set-Back.

On account of the exceedingly cold weather of the past few weeks the lumbering operations have received a slight set-back which will not, however, interfere with the season's work. It is thought that in a few weeks now all of the logs will be on the landings where they will be left to wait for warm weather and the driving season.

Every one knows the crunching sound that a sleigh will make in going over the snow in exceedingly cold weather. It is not so generally known, however, that during the cold snap in the woods, when the sleds that haul the big logs make this same noise, it is impossible to haul more than one-third as heavy a load.

For this reason the operations for a few weeks past have not been progressing so favorably as the lumbermen have liked. Up to this time, all of the cutting season in the fall and first part of the winter, the conditions were the most favorable possible for the lumbering business.

Men who have come out of the logging camps the past few days say that beginning last Friday conditions have been much better. The cold snap has been broken, and the sleds are being hauled more easily.

Operators are now at work on the last of the yarded logs. The men and teams are busy hauling the logs to the landings. It is said to say that this year, March 1, will see two-thirds of the operators called, and the big trees will be felled, and the logs will be hauled to the landings.

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Delaney, who has not been in the east in over a year, looked in excellent shape. When seen Delaney said that he was on business and would probably arrange a match for the champion in the near future.

"Before I left the coast," said Delaney, "I was informed of the Sharkey-Munroe match. It looks now as though it will take place, and if it does, it will show just what kind of a fellow Munroe is. He may or may not surprise us in his showing with Sharkey. If he makes good with Sharkey and proves to the public that he is worthy of a match with Jeffries he won't have much trouble in being accommodated."

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YOUNG CORBETT SAID TO HAVE \$30,000 PLANTED.

That is no idle pipe dream. Floating eastward from the Pacific coast about a month ago was a steamer carrying Young Corbett winning big money on the California race tracks. A letter has been received by a Cincinnati man which says that Young Corbett won \$10,000 on Toledo, a chestnut colt owned by Burns & Waterhouse, and trained by Charley Patterson.

"I thought the story about Young Corbett winning \$10,000 was idle gossip, but I now know that it is the truth," said the recipient of the letter. "Young Corbett won the only big winner of the day that Toledo won. I guess Charley Patterson had a few yellowbacks on that race. Patterson has a great colt in Rockaway, which will be pointed toward the Tennessee Derby."

Denver paper confirms the story of Young Corbett's good luck. The Daily News of that city says:

"Jimmy Redwell, the youngest brother of William H. Redwell, former Young Corbett, champion feather weight of the world, is in Denver. Jimmy, as his friends affectionately term him, arrived here from San Francisco yesterday, and he will of course be in the lumbering camp throughout the logging country."

FACTS AND FIGURES.

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TO DESTROY DERELICTS.

Two Bills to the Same End by Maine Senators.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate has passed two separate bills for the removal of derelicts on the Atlantic coast at this session, one introduced by each of the Maine senators. Mr. Frye's bill was first passed, it having been favorably reported from his committee on commerce. This bill is for the removal of derelicts in the southern portion of the North Atlantic in the vicinity of the Florida coast. It provides for the construction of a fleet of destroyers to be under the charge of the secretary of commerce.

The second bill, passed a few days ago, was introduced by Senator Hale and favorably reported from the committee on naval affairs of which he is chairman. It provides that the derelict breaker shall be under the direction of the secretary of the navy. When it came up in the senate a point was raised that a similar bill had already been passed from the committee on commerce but Senator Hale asked that his bill be passed and that later a bill be determined which of the bills should become law. It was also pointed out that Senator Hale's bill provided for the destruction of derelicts on the North Atlantic.

There is no disagreement between the two Maine senators on the subject. It was presented to each from different sources and taken up as a matter deserving of action by congress. The secretary of the navy and the secretary of the department of commerce.

BURGULAR RETURNS KEEPSAKE.

(New York Herald.)

James B. Dill, a lawyer, whose house, in Orange, was robbed of jewelry valued at \$8,000 last Thursday night, while the burglar was under the direction of a package and letter last evening. The burglar considerably returned a gold locket containing a lock of hair of Mrs. Dill's deceased mother. The locket had contained Mrs. Dill's memento in diamonds, but the thief had thrown away the package.

The letter accompanying the locket was written in a good hand and appeared to be the composition of a man of education. It was mailed in New York, and says:

Mr. James B. Dill:

Dear Sir.—Allow me to return to you one little locket, which has the appearance of being valuable to you as a memento. The intrinsic value (minus stones) to me would be about \$5. Kindly acknowledge receipt of same by sending the above amount to some charity. Thanking you kindly, I remain, Yours truly,

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The second bill, passed a few days ago, was introduced by Senator Hale and favorably reported from the committee on naval affairs of which he is chairman. It provides that the derelict breaker shall be under the direction of the secretary of the navy. When it came up in the senate a point was raised that a similar bill had already been passed from the committee on commerce but Senator Hale