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IDENTICAL THOUGHTS.

FIG—"Do you and your wife ever think alike?" Fogg—"When I'm out late at the club we do. She keeps thinking what she'll say and so do I."

VERY DIFFERENT CASE.

Father (to bashful son)—"If you want the young lady, why don't you take courage and propose? How do you suppose I managed when I got married?" Son—"O, yes, you married mother; but I've got to marry a strange girl."

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PROCEDURE IN FRENCH COURTS TO BE CHANGED

Minister of Justice to Move for Radical Changes in Methods of Court Proceedings -- A Cook's Loyalty.

HOW MARIETTA WOLF FOUGHT FOR MISTRESS

Paris, Nov. 11.—At the conclusion of the Steinheil case, Minister of Justice Barthou will propose certain changes of procedure in the trial courts. The decision of the minister made known today was influenced largely by the criticism expressed in the United States and England of the methods now in vogue through the operation of which the presiding judge appears in the role of prosecutor. M. Barthou has been much impressed by this foreign comment, and plans to take from the president of the court the duty and privilege of "interrogating" and confining to the public prosecutor and the counsel for the defence the task of examining the accused and the witnesses. He would restrict the prerogatives of the judge to a practice more in keeping with that of the courts of Anglo-Saxon countries. It is unlikely, however, that any effort will be made to abolish the general method of court procedure in all Latin countries, through which the examining magistrate is an exhaustive preliminary investigation collects testimony often not strictly admissible under Anglo-Saxon rules of evidence, upon which the State establishes its case against the accused. It is the belief of many American lawyers here that in civil cases, which are not tried before a jury, the French method, permitting the introduction of indirect evidence, and even the opinion of witnesses, frequently enables the judge to arrive at a conclusion more certain than that does the jury in Anglo-Saxon courts in the United States and England.

A Cook's Loyalty

No servant ever fought more loyally for her mistress than did Marietta Wolf, the cook in the Steinheil household who was the key to the mystery of the Steinheil murder. She was the first witness today and a hush of expectancy greeted her appearance on the stand. She was gowned in black and her attitude was somber as the clothes she wore. As a witness she was reticent and volunteered nothing. When pressed with specific questions by the judge she replied frequently, "I do not know" or "I do not remember." She could not, however, conceal her nervousness and she consulted frequently with the attorney for the defence, a witness Madame Steinheil had known all of the Wolf children but Alexandre, whom she once accused. She admitted that her mistress addressed Alexandre by a familiar appellation, Judge De Valles with considerable difficulty induced the witness to describe the Steinheil home and tell Madame Steinheil had leased "Green Lodge" in order that she might there receive her lovers. It was after she had expressed the opinion that Adolphe Steinheil was the murderer of his wife's intrigues that the witness was confronted with the deposition which she made for the police soon after the tragedy. In this she had stated that when the accused woman learned that her husband was dead she ejaculated, "At last I am free."

Contested Version.

The cook with much show of earnestness contended the version of the affair as found in her deposition. "It has been misquoted," she said. "It was when the nurse had taken the madame alone that she cried out 'at last I am alone.' She added that the prisoner had always shown herself very fond of both her husband and her step-mother and she volunteered the further statement that Steinheil occasionally took opium.

During the examination of the cook, Madame Steinheil displayed great nervousness, frequently interrupting with passionate protests against the questions and the deductions made from the answer elicited. When Marietta Wolf was pitted with questions especially damaging to the case of the defendant she found refuge in the plea that she had been too much upset by the crime to remember distinctly all the details of what immediately followed.

Marietta Wolf contradicted categorically the testimony given yesterday by the newspaper photographer, Barby. The witness said that she had never stated, as Barby had said, that she would give everything if Madame Steinheil was arrested. The witness was confronted with Barby, but only repeated in his presence the denial she had made before. Several stormy scenes occurred during the afternoon. At one point Madame Steinheil interrupted angrily, and shouted defiantly that if it was true that she had received \$1200 from her lover Chouard, the iron manufacturer, he had made a hundred times that amount from clients whom she had brought him. The testimony of Marietta Wolf, that of her son Alexandre, who followed her on the stand, was wholly favorable to the defendant. Alexandre admitted that the accused woman had been in the habit of addressing him as "thou" and that she had kissed him on New Year's Day. He offered the opinion that Madame Steinheil had been led to accuse him through suggestions on the part of the police and the newspaper reporters.

Through the issuance of attachment

DYING CROOK REFUSES TO SPLIT ON PAL

Famous Bad Man is Shot Down in New York—"A Corking Good Shot" Declares Dying Man.

HIS SUPREME SENSE OF HONOR

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Shot through the stomach by some one in the underworld who had been nursing a grudge against him, Antonio Russo, alias Tony Ross, thirty years old, of No. 206 East Ninety-second street, of Harlem's real bad men, died yesterday afternoon in the Harlem hospital, where he was taken just before Monday midnight.

His assailant is unknown to the police and there doesn't seem to be much chance of his being arrested. With his dying breath Russo exhorted the two men who were with him at the time of the shooting. "It was a corking good shot, all right," was one of the first things Russo said when he dropped. "They've been promising to get me for some time, and they've made good. Serve me right for leaving that coat off."

Refused to Tell.

At the station house in East 104th street, where he was taken first, and later at the hospital Russo kept repeating this over and over again. When Captain Corcoran asked him to tell the name of the man or men he suspected, Russo just brought his teeth together with a snap and smiled through his pain.

He had a police record that was not confined to this city but some way or other always managed to escape imprisonment. Stories police were telling about him last night sound as if they might have been of one of the old-time road agents.

The police say Russo had more nerve than any dozen of the so-called east side bad men. For the most part he took care of his own business, such wicker performers as Paul Kelly, "Monk" Eastman and the other leaders giving him the right of the line whenever he went by. The toughest wheeler he seemed to be last night when he learned of his death.

His Sense of Honor.

Other bad men never could appreciate his sense of honor. After they had put in a hard night's work earning their living by the sweat of their handbags, Russo had a playful habit of taking their plunder away from them. He was well aware of their enmity and went around Harlem looking up an arsenal. In addition to draping himself with two big revolvers and a dirk, Russo always wore a coat of mail under his clothes. That was the coat he referred to when he fell. He left it off on Monday night, when he was in Ninety-seventh street, when he was shot down. He was accompanied by Thomas Moran, alias "Tom" McCarthy, twenty-four, of No. 155 East Ninety-second street, and Ralph Brown, twenty-three, of No. 233 East Ninety-seventh street. According to the story told by Russo, which was corroborated by his companions, the trio was just passing No. 218 East Ninety-seventh street, when Russo so fell to the sidewalk and announced that he had been shot.

All three were taken to the station house and Russo was subsequently removed to the hospital. Moran and Russo were arraigned in the Harlem Police Court yesterday and held for further examination in default of \$1,000 bail. None of the men had heard the sound of the shot, seen the flash of the revolver, according to their stories.

SCIENTIST TELLS OF UNKNOWN PLANET

Paris, Nov. 11.—M. Camille Flammarion contributes an article to the European edition of the Herald on a planet of which mathematical calculations indicate its existence somewhere beyond the orbit of Neptune.

M. Flammarion's calculations in 1879 placed the orbit of this unknown world eight billion kilometres distant from the sun. Mr. Pickering's calculations last year place it at a distance of 7,725 million kilometres and give it a revolution around the sun once in 373 years.

By means of a diagram M. Flammarion makes these stupendous distances comprehensible to the human mind.

As M. Flammarion has made a special study of Mars, I took the opportunity of asking him for an opinion on an alleged cataclysm with that planet which appears to have disquieted several American journals. He laughed and said the reports of cataclysm are far-far.

papers intended to recover certain goods sold to her by a department store in this city, the presence was revealed today in a fashionable apartment house of the woman who has been mentioned by Warriner as one of his alleged blackmailers. The woman, who is well known in this city and in Chicago, where she figured in a number of affairs, it is said, has been occupying her present apartments for only a few days. Kept there a virtual prisoner, since the developments in connection with the Big Four shortage, her identity, it is understood, was not known to other occupants of the place until today.

While a resident of Chicago, the woman in question was defendant in a criminal prosecution, in which she was charged with having attempted to shoot a man, the latter being also one of those named by Warriner in connection with the alleged blackmail feature.

PEERS WHO ARE ON THE NERVES OF ENGLAND

The Dukes of the United Kingdom and Their Great Possessions--The Amount of Taxes They Pay.

LIMITED INCOMES AND APPEARANCES

Dukes just at present appear to have got upon the nerves of a good many people, including the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but Sir Edward Grey put this matter in a nutshell when he said they were very much like other people. And to the remark of the foreign secretary I would add "only more so."

I recollect years ago dining with a couple of dukes at one and the same time—and the dukes were then noticeably the two smallest men in the room. But on the other hand, the Duke of Portland is remarkable for some and well built. Some of them are very rich; others—for the positions they are forced to keep up—are decidedly "hard up." But as to all of them it should be remembered that the principal source of their income is land. Fifty years ago the dukes and other big land-owning peers were the wealthiest people in the nation, but while their incomes have steadily declined owing to decreasing rents and increasing taxation they have been met with the extravagantly increased expenditure of the present day, the price of which is set by the fluid and free and unnumbered cash fortunes of modern millionaires. A few of the dukes can play the modern game, matching pound by pound, most cannot.

Twenty-seven Dukes.

Leaving out the royal dukes of Cumberland, Cornwall and Lancaster, and the sovereign dukes of Lancaster, Cornwall and Rothesay, and ignoring the exiles of France, Spain, and the papal States, there are twenty-seven dukes of England, of Great Britain, or of the United Kingdom, of Scotland or of Ireland.

Space, of course, forbids an analysis of the resources of all of the dukes, but I offer some comments on a few, chosen but characteristic group.

The premier duke, to begin with, the Duke of Devonshire, is the Duke of Howards, but there are a number of English families, of more ancient lineage than the Howards, and the real Howard property is small, if indeed any of it now remains. The bulk of the existing wealth of the present duke came through the marriage of Thomas, fourth (Howard) duke, with the daughter of Sir John Fitzroy, Earl of Arundel, who brought Arundel Castle, the London estate, and the Sheffield estate. Though the value of the duke's agricultural land has diminished, his enormous urban property in London and Sheffield has much increased. A few years ago he sold the market tolls of Sheffield for the round sum of half a million, and since then he has sold a lot of other property together his yearly income is now reputed to be nearly £200,000. But the duke is always building churches and other works, spends a great deal of money and substance on other people, and keeps little for himself.

Duke of Bedford.

The Duke of Bedford, head of the powerful house of Russell, starts his pedigree with Henry Russell, M. P. for Weymouth living in 1455. This dukedom came in 1634 after the dukedom of Devonshire, which was a reward for services to the crown. The duke, who is a model landlord, owns the Woburn Abbey estate and is now selling the Thorne estate. Despite the large selling price of the latter, the duke has taken the public into his confidence and published the full accounts of that estate. These accounts show a loss, and, as the duke himself put it, he had not owned "a few lodgings" in London. The few lodgings-houses in question are the vast Bedford estate in Bloomsbury and Covent Garden Market, by the aid of which the duke manages to rub along pretty comfortably.

Premier Scot.

The Duke of Hamilton, the premier Scottish duke, is only Hamilton by female descent. In the male line he is heir male and head of the equally powerful house of Douglas. He is not the owner of the vast Hamilton inheritance, which has devolved upon the Marchioness of Graham, the only child of the last duke. The present duke is comparatively poor and lives quite quietly.

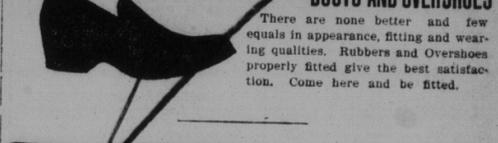
The present Duke of Northumberland descends in the male line from Sir Hugh Smithson, Bart., of Stanwick, but in the female line he descends from the Hamilton house of Percy, earls of Northumberland, and as successor to their estates is in a sense the representative of that family. Under the creation of 1749 Hugh Smithson succeeded to an earldom of Northumberland, and, after having been vicerey of Ireland and master of the horse, he was advanced to the dignity of a dukedom. The figures given above may add point to the controversy now taking place between the duke and Sir Edward Grey, for, saving any question of depreciation, I am not aware of any great alienation of land in this family since 1883, and the Dukes of Northumberland still hold court in their magnificence at Alnwick.

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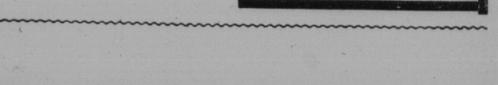
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