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GREAT ROBBERY BAFFLES SLEUTHS

Gem Theft in London Mansion Presents Study in Crime.

London, July 17—The audacious robbery of part of Lady Ludlow's \$5,000,000 art treasure collection from Bath House, Piccadilly, still battles the best brains of Scotland Yard. The crime presents problems on every side; it bristles with difficulties for the police, for the thief or thieves went about their task with an astonishing degree of apparent negligence, but have, nevertheless, contrived to leave very few and scanty clues upon which Divisional-Detective-Inspector Vanner and his men can work.

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Lady Ludlow was formerly the wife of the late Sir Julius Werner, multimillionaire and diamond king, and it was his famous collection of historic jewels, consisting of glittering ornaments worn by queens and princesses of the 16th century, that was rifled.

Every article in this wonderful collection, which was without an equal in the world, was priceless from its historic value alone.

In estimating the hard cash value of the stolen jewels at \$1,250,000, the experts are merely considering the face value of hundreds of objects of art and rare gems which are irreplaceable.

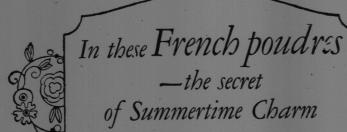
The case, from the detectives' point of view, is full of difficulties. The usual "trade mark" with which notable cracksmen seal their handiwork is absent. There is no characteristic jimmy work on the cabinets of the Red Room, which housed the collection, no characteristic forcible entry—all windows and doors of the great Georgian mansion are intact—and there are no finger-prints sufficiently clear to make identiheation by that means possible.

The two theories upon which the police have to work are that, either this is the work of an amateur in trime, or that it is the carefully planned scheme of international crooks. But each theory seems to totter when examined. There are amazing contradictions, baffling in their complexity. No great robbery of recent years has prevented so many difficulties.

It is now known that the thief or

the robbers used no electric torch. But, here again, it is suggested that this fact might be explained by the theory that a man who knew the interior of Bath House would also know that the treasure of the Wernher collection is housed in delicate cabinets and cases in the Red Room, cases which would not need the jemmy to force.

Much has been made of the fact that the robbers used no electric torch. But, here again, it is suggested that this fact might be explained by the theory that the thief or thieves ran no risk of being arrested before gaining entry to the premises. An electric torch on the premises. An electric torch on the premises are not skilled crooks. But it is pointed to the premises. An electric torch on the premises, and of the premises, tables, and other articles there are numerous finger prints. But they are not the finger prints of a naked hand. The marks are skilled and hardened thief usually selects articles which will be most



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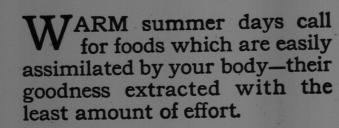


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plate of Lady Ludlow's own collection would have presented few diffition would have presented few diffi-culties to thieves. Plate is easily melt-ed, and pure silver commands a good price. Moreover, it is easily disposed of to the "fences" or receivers who operate in the East End in Amster-dam and other centres. But here the police are baffled by the apparent folly of a criminal who selects the loot most likely to be im-possible to market, and the most easily traced if disposed of in any part of the world.

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Then, again, another improbability and the substances of the world and the substances of the small standard proposed of the small value; intact it is unsaleable. Within an hour of the reporting of the robbery Scotland Yard had sealed changed to the thieves. The value of the altique workman. If the scant clues now available lead nowhere, it would seem likely that the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the clues of the world on the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the clues of the world on the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the found that the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the low. That is not the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the low. That is not the continuing gene as the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the found that the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the low. That is not the continuing the continuing are suited at 200,000 the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the low of the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the found that the solution of this mysterious robbers will come only when the found the solution of the solution of this mysterious robbers will be solved the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution o

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