

Study Footprints to Trace Criminals

How to Learn to Resort to This in Cases of Armless Offenders.

BE SURE IDENTIFICATION

How Tracks are Difficult Clues Because of the Similarity of Factory Makes.

That nothing helpful may be overlooked when it comes to running down crime, New York's Police department is giving serious study to footprints, and applying tests of them when occasion offers in criminal investigation. The department sometimes finds it necessary, as in the case of armless lawbreakers, to footprint them. It also footprints criminals whose feet possess some striking characteristics.

The footprints of no two persons are the same. "For the purpose of identification," Inspector Faurot said, "footprints answer about as well as fingerprints. Although the toes do not make such good impressions as the digits, the ball of the foot prints well. Footprints are taken by smearing the toes and soles of the feet with printer's ink. The prisoner then stands on a piece of white paper.

Inspector Faurot became interested in footprints during trips he made to Europe in 1906 and 1911 to study the police methods of Scotland Yard and the French Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The police of Paris and London are able to use shoe prints in detecting crime with better success than the New York police, for the reason that in the cheap foreign shoe hobbles are used, and different cobbler have their own methods of placing nails in the shoes. Because of this, if the police get a clear impression of a shoe in the snow or sand they are sometimes able to trace it to the cobbler who made or mended it, and from him learn to whom it was sold. The factory-made American shoes, Inspector Faurot explained, are more or less alike in style and make such methods of identification difficult.

From foot impressions, nevertheless, the police often get valuable clues

which put them on the track of culprits and enable them to clear up crimes that might go unsolved otherwise. A desperate left brawler, escaping from his pursuers, got into the cellar of a dwelling on Duane street. Unable to reach the street from the cellar, he ran upstairs and into a room where a woman was asleep. Leaping upon a bed, he quickly raised a window and escaped to the street. It was raining hard that night. When the police arrived in the bedroom they found the burglar had left on the counterpane a clear impression of his shoe. The impression showed he wore rubber heels, one of which was badly nicked. The police carefully measured the impression, and then scoured the neighborhood for the thief. They rounded up a dozen suspects. One of them had a nicked rubber heel. This fitted perfectly the impression on the counterpane. When questioned the man finally broke down and confessed.

A second-story man, after robbing a large apartment house on Washington Heights on a winter night, made a safe escape over the housetops. Detectives, however, followed his shoe prints in the snow on the roof, tracing them to a saloon in the neighborhood. When they entered the place and took him into custody, he gasped with astonishment.

Two years ago an East side restaurant keeper named Zinn, and two of his helpers were brutally murdered with an axe in his restaurant. The police were in doubt until they discovered shoe prints of one of the assassins in the snow on the roof. They obtained a good photograph of his prints, and from information they received the man was subsequently arrested.

It is naturally difficult to learn much about crime from footprints unless they are found in dust, mud, sand or snow. Even under the best circumstances clear prints are seldom found. Footprints, furthermore, carry little weight here as evidence, yet are sometimes good for corroborative purposes. In the suburbs, where there is not so much brick and asphalt, foot impressions are often a great aid to the police. Several thieves are crippled, others limp, are pigeon toed, or walk with toes turned out. These characteristics are carefully noted by the police. A footprint and a cane or crutch print leading away from the scene of a crime sometimes give the police a valuable clue to the perpetrator.

After a robbery in the suburbs shoe

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prints of the thief were traced from the house down a wet road near by. These prints came to a stop. Smaller shoe prints were found mixed with them. To the detectives this indicated that the thief had stopped to talk with a child. A little further down the road the prints again stopped. Here we see shoe prints of a second man, and on the ground beside them were several dead matches. This indicated that the thief had stopped a man to ask for a light. Several matches were required to light his pipe or cigar. The police hunted up the man and child, and from them obtained

ALL SIMPLICITY NOW IN CASTLE OF THE KING

His Majesty Sets Nation Splendid Example — Hon. Mr. Hazen Tells of Visit to England.

Ottawa, May 16.—"Every one in England has enough to eat, but the country has come to realize that no food is to be wasted at this time," said Hon. J. D. Hazen today. "The King is setting an example to his people. We were his guests at Windsor and found that no wine, beer or spirits of any kind were used in the royal household. The fare at the table has been reduced to simplicity. For instance, you cut your own bread. There is the loaf and knife and you cut what you want. This is done because bread once toasted cannot be used again. All heavy and elaborate dinners are cut out all over England."

Mr. Hazen emphasized the importance and value of the war conference.

such a good description of the thief that his arrest soon followed. Thieves are keenly alive to the fact that their foot impressions may be recorded by the police. After a crime they have been known to walk away from the scene backward. The police are not often fooled by this trick, for a man walking in this manner invariably digs his toes into the earth.

Lloyd George declared that in peace and war they must be annual, and the imperial cabinet embodied in the machinery of the empire. The minister of marine reaffirms the message that Britain is going to see the thing through. The Russian and submarine situations cause some concern, but have not shaken public confidence. Mr. Hazen says that the reports about men in uniform drinking are grossly exaggerated. In the Canadian camps he found scarcely any. The closer one gets to the front, the more he is impressed with the admirable spirit. The achievement of the men at Vimy Ridge, he said, won great fame for the Canadians.

REPORTED FAMOUS RACE AT RENFORTH

Belfast, Me., May 16.—The death is announced of Charles A. Pillsbury, one of the oldest and best known newspaper men in Maine. For thirty-eight years he was editor of the Republican Journal of Belfast. He was born in Calais, the son of Albert Pillsbury, United States consul at Halifax for several years.

When a reporter Mr. Pillsbury covered single scull and four-oared races for the world's championship at Halifax and in New Brunswick, including the Paris crew-Tyne crew race.

THREE KILLED IN \$10,000 NATIONAL BANK ROBBERY

Pittsburg, May 16.—Two bandits entered the First National Bank of Castle Shannon, a suburb, yesterday and shot to death Cashier McLean and Assistant Cashier Frank Erbe, injured Justice of the Peace George F. Bellshoover and another man. The bandits got away with \$10,000. Later a posse killed one of the bandits and probably fatally wounded the other. Nearly all the money was recovered.

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The Great Importance of Prohibition!



Hon. Nicholas Isorguine
Inspector of State Savings Banks of Russian Empire states, in regard to effect of Prohibition: "We have about doubled in less than three years the amount accumulated in seventy-three years previous to the outbreak of the war, for our State banks are about seventy-five years old."

Former Atty.-Gen. Baxter in introducing the Prohibition Act said: "I do not think that I need discuss the question of whether Prohibition prohibits. That depends upon you and me. If those in the community who hold the moral forces under their particular care—if they do their duty—if they let petty things go and if they stand back of the men who live under the law and persistently and insistently urge these men to respect the law—for without respect the law becomes of no value whatever—to respect this law as they would any other law, if the moral and social leaders of our country will but rise to the occasion and do their duty, there is no fear but that a prohibitory law, like any other law, can be enforced within the Province of New Brunswick."

Premier Foster as leader of the Opposition, in speaking of Prohibition said: "That in his opinion the Temperance question is not a question of party politics. Prohibition, after all, affects everyone directly or indirectly and is therefore too big and broad a matter to be dealt with politically. The law is to-day on the Statute Books, and if we are returned to power when May 1st comes the Prohibition bill will be put into effect, and we will enforce it as far as it lies in our power to do so."

In these critical days when governing bodies the world over are imploring everyone to increase production of food, when our armies are crying for men, munitions, ships—when every resource, however small, is a vital asset—waste is intolerable.

New Brunswick stands second to none in her loyalty to the vital cause of the Empire. Of her sacrifices of precious boys, her wealth and resources she is justly proud. With effective Prohibition laws in force throughout the province, she will tolerate no waste due to lax enforcement of Prohibition. Her resolve, however, demands a united public opinion in favor of strictest enforcement.

Help to Enforce Prohibition

The "PIONEER" (published in Toronto) is authority for the statement that in Canada the total value of foodstuffs destroyed by the liquor traffic in 1916 was approximately \$4,244,090.22. Add to this the immense loss of transportation facilities, clogged and hindered by carrying the grain to destruction, and again conveying the product of the breweries and distilleries to make precious men less efficient in this solemn hour!

Russia—

Some idea of the enormous effect of Prohibition is afforded by the wonderful example of Russia. The whole country is "bone dry." The people declare they never will backslide to vodka. In spite of the fact that millions of producers have been in the army the savings of the people enormously increased. In 1912 and 1913 they were saving, per year, about \$20,000,000. In the first five months under Prohibition they saved \$60,000,000. In 1915 the banks took in \$265,000,000. For the first half of 1916, the Russian people saved \$300,000,000!

The shortage of revenue from the tax on vodka is gradually being made up by increase in other revenue, due to the savings and greater efficiency of the people. In spite of the ravages of war there is less begging and misery. "With vodka on her back, she could never

have held the Germans back. Russia has helped to save Europe."

On May 1st 1917, the putting into effect of the Prohibitory Act in New Brunswick placed in our hands a powerful instrument. The success of Prohibition depends upon our use of the instrument, just the same as success in battle depends upon the general's intelligent, vigorous use of his forces.

No matter where you live, whether your district is under the Canada Temperance Act or under the new Prohibitory Act, you are urged to use every legitimate means within your power of support and aid the officers of the law in their sworn duty of enforcement.

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