

Had Goods on Him

But Didn't Know It—Escaping Pick-pocket Slips Watch in Police Sergeant's Pocket and Later Is Seized—Judge More Careful Now.

If a man is arrested on a charge of having robbed a citizen and the stolen property is found in his possession, the evidence is usually considered incontrovertible by the courts. If the accused is poor and without influential friends to vouch for him the chances are that he will be sent to prison. In nearly every case of this character the accused is guilty, occasionally he may be innocent. A police magistrate talking to members of a church, took the opportunity to warn them against appearances, and pointed out the wisdom of always giving an accused person the benefit of any doubt whether it appears reasonable or not. Then he told this story:

"I was on my way home one evening during the rush hours. The subway was jammed and the crowds kept constantly moving through efforts of passengers to get in and out. I was standing in the aisle of the

centre car, and the movement of the crowd in this car appeared to be unusual. There seemed to be a restless spirit there. I noticed several young men who kept stirring, pushing here and there, and peering sometimes out of the windows, and sometimes asking a hurried question, as if they were strangers and doubtful of their location.

"As the train was drawing toward a station a man standing by my side suddenly cried out that he had lost his watch. Then followed a hurried search of his clothing, and then he seized me by the arm and cried out, 'Give me my watch; you have taken my watch!' I assured him that he was mistaken, but he kept up the cry and would not let me go. I was extremely embarrassed and told him that if he would get off the train with me I would go with him wherever he wished and would submit to any indignity to convince him that I did not have his watch, and would, moreover, prove to him that I was a person of character and standing in the community.

"The three young men who had been so restless had crowded toward the centre door of the car when the

cry was raised that a watch had been stolen, and in rushing to get out one of them had pushed roughly against me. My suspicions were aroused, but I kept quiet, through fear of making a mistake like the one my accuser had made. At the next station the man who held me pushed me toward the door and we got off together, and as soon as we reached the street he set up a cry for the police. A policeman came, recognized me, declined to place me under arrest, and sought to quieten the excitable man and who would not listen to anything until after my clothing had been examined.

"At my suggestion we walked to the police station, where the Lieutenant listened smilingly to the charge against me. 'I want you to search him,' said the man, who still gripped me by the arm, but the Lieutenant flatly refused. He told me that I was a police magistrate; that I was well and favorably known to thousands of this city's citizens; that beyond all question I did not have any of his property, and that the charge he had made against me was ridiculous. He gave my accuser my name and address and sent



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Words in English Language

The late Prof. Max Muller, of England, one of the greatest authorities of his time on words, put the number of words in the English language at 100,000. He compared the growth and development of our language with the putting of grain in a sieve. Most of the chaff has been winnowed off and with it have gone many good grains. If we include all the words which have fixed places in the dialects of the country, and include also many which we know were spoken in earlier times, we shall have to put the total at 400,000 for the English language. The number is constantly growing. Words have to be formed for new industries, for discoveries and inventions, and they become part of the language. The number of words in the French language is somewhat smaller than the number of English words.

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him away entirely dissatisfied and still believing that I should have been searched.

"I was dreadfully hurt at the charge made against me, and the fact that I could see no reason for feeling sore at the man who had made it did not tend to relieve my feelings. I told my family about it, which aroused much indignation and turned loose a lot of suggestions that were of no value in easing my irritated mind. I had a dinner engagement that night that I was forced to attend, but I had no heart for it and dressed with languid motions. When I slipped on my overcoat something jingled and I thrust my hand in one of the outside pockets and pulled out a watch and chain.

"The explanation flashed upon my mind. One of the three young men had stolen the watch, and when the cry of thief was raised had slipped it into my pocket and had then hurried out of the train. I was in some thing of a dilemma, but a moment's thought showed me that there was only one thing for me to do and I did it. Half an hour later I was again standing before the police lieutenant. I laid the watch and chain upon his desk and said: 'Well, Lieutenant, I had that fellow's watch all the time. I didn't have to say a word of explanation. The lieutenant understood and laughed and told me to forget all about it. He said:

"I'll send the property back to the man who lost it, and let him think that it was recovered through the sagacity of the police. He'll get his property back, the police will get some credit and you will not be hurt. Better say nothing about it."

"So when a person is brought before me on a charge of theft I am very careful to go rather deeper into the matter than some of the members of the police force and some others, perhaps, consider necessary."

If they charged you a dollar a cake the makers could not give you a better soap than Ivory.—adv.,tf

Pocahontas the Tomboy

One of the most picturesque as well as the most interesting stories in all American history is that of Captain John Smith and Pocahontas. Every one loves the story, but scarcely anyone knows that Mataoka was the real name of the Indian maiden who saved the gallant captain's life: Pocahontas, which means tomboy, was just her nickname.

Mataoka loved to play like the little Indian boys of her tribe. She shot her arrows and turned handsprings just as well as the boys of her age. One day, when she was about ten years old, she was playing as usual near the door of her father's hut. She was turning handsprings so fast she did not see Rabunta, a runner. He came dashing in from the forest with a message for Mataoka's father, Powhatan, who was the tribal chief. Powhatan turned the corner just as the little daughter of the chief made one of her most vigorous handsprings. Her flying feet struck the runner in the chest and knocked him down.

All the Indians who saw the episode set up a roar of laughter, for a rough joke was particularly pleasing to them. The chieftain, however, was very much annoyed by the boyish prattle of little Mataoka. He called his daughter to him and said: "Mataoka, this is not maiden's play. Will you ever cease to be a Pocahontas?"

The other Indian children who were listening to the reprimand caught up the name, and it clung to little Mataoka ever afterwards.

Captain John Smith and his fellow Virginia settlers called the girl by the same name as did her playmates, and later, after she married an Englishman, the spelling was changed a little. However, the name has come down in history almost as it was spoken by the famous old chief in the years before 1607.

A Tramps Story

Says he came from Vancouver and is trying to reach his home in Newfoundland. Nothing to eat for two days.

As police officer Clarence Johnson was patrolling his beat on Water Street last Saturday he met a man of about 35 years, who gave his name as Butler. He was very poorly dressed, and on his back carried bedding and some cooking utensils. When accosted, the man stated that he had tramped from Vancouver, but refused to give any other information. He also became saucy, so the officer took him to the station. Finally he said that he had had nothing to eat for two days, and it was because he was hungry and thought every man was against him that he was impudent.

The officer got something for the man to eat, after which the tramp further said that he had gone on a vessel from his home in Newfoundland to Vancouver and had become stranded there. On the way from that place he passed through many cities, but Halifax was the first place he was held up, and that within a few hours after his arrival. He was taken to the immigration officials, but they did not believe his story, and he was taken back to the station, where he was held until yesterday, when he was let go.

Before leaving, the arresting officer gave him some money to buy a couple of meals, and the man said he would try to work his way back to Newfoundland.—Halifax Recorder, Oct. 5.

Locusts Puzzle

WHY DO THEY USUALLY FLY EAST AND SOUTH-EAST?

Some light is thrown on the habits of locusts in the annual report on the Bechuanaland (South Africa) Protectorate for 1923-24, issued recently. The campaign against the pests be-

gan in 1922 and has been vigorously continued since. The territory was divided into locust districts, each under the supervision of a district locust officer, and with both European and natives as local locust officers. Almost the whole of the Southern Protectorate was infested.

Camels were purchased by the Department of Agriculture to make possible the organization of the natives living in the Kalahari Desert (350,000 square miles in extent and known as "the tormenting desert") and also with the object of patrolling and locating the locust hatchings, so that farmers could be warned of the approach of flying locusts to enable them to reap any crops which might be ripe and were threatened by the pests.

Locusts, says the report, hatched out in absolutely uninhabited parts of the Kalahari Desert more than a hundred miles from any water. Districts which had been free from locusts for some months were heavily invaded by the pests from those uninhabited regions. More than 3,000 swarms were destroyed in the Kalahari by four camel officers with the help of natives.

The disclosure is made in the report that "locusts as a rule fly east and southeast, and, eventually, in the laying stage, fly back west and north-west."

Where Shaving is Very Painful

In savage lands shaving is not the plain operation it is in civilized countries. Excruciatingly painful methods still obtain in some parts of the world.

For instance, the aborigines of Australia shave with pieces of glass or shell. Even more terrifying are the methods employed by some of the South Sea Islanders.

In some of the islands, a "treacle" substance is pasted over the face, then allowed to dry, after which it is

jerked off, piece by piece, bringing the hairs with it. One marvels that the natives do not all affect beards.

There is nothing about the New Guinea "shave" to recommend it, and certainly even the most fastidious European dandy would cultivate a beard were no other means of shaving available. A "barber" performs the operation, and the stoicism displayed by his clients is positively amazing for the "shave" takes some hours to complete.

A few hairs are selected at a time to which is securely knotted a length of a fibrous material. The hairs are then pulled out literally by the roots, this operation being continually repeated until at last the "shave" is completed.

New Light on Remote Period

Archaeologists working in Egypt 30 miles south of Assiut have brought to light an ivory female figure 5 ft. 6 in. in height, which is regarded as the most important find of the year. It belongs to a hitherto unknown period and its surroundings tell of a civilization differing in every detail from the well-known prehistoric culture, and almost certainly earlier. The probable dates of this civilization are about 10,000-9000 B.C. The ivory figure illustrating it shows a trace of negro type. The body is slender, the head wide above with pointed chin, the nose large, the lips thin.

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