

A FRIEND in Brockville who had read the story in last week's issue about "A Detective's Views and Experiences," writes: "Your last week's paper hit it off very well in the detective's yarn about barn-burning and the like. I daresay he is likely right about the way these things are sometimes worked. We have had a case going on here for some days back where a man named Johnston was charged with burning the dwelling and barn of T. K. Scovill, in Portland, last month. A fellow named Laing, who was with Johnston in the job, turned round and gave evidence to save his own skin; and what he says is that Scovill and Laing planned together to burn the place for the insurance. Scovill was at the trial (before a magistrate) and was arrested when it was finished, charged with conspiracy to a felony. He was bailed for \$4,000, and Laing the same, to be tried at March assizes."

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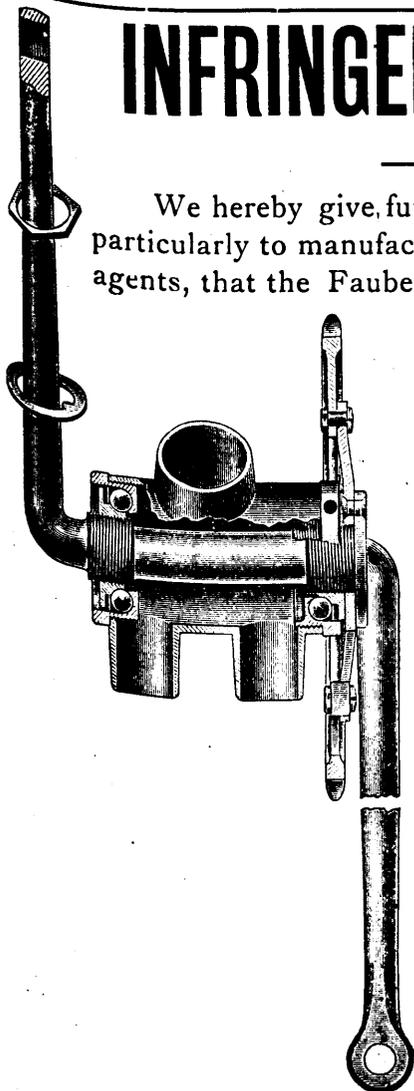
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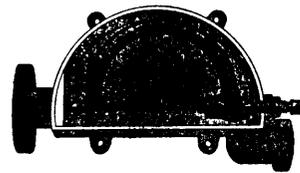
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