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Why French Arsenals Take Five Years in Three of Murderer's Sisters Also Victims to Which to Build a Battleship.

(By F. Cunliffe-Owen.)

of crime, there is none enshrouded with a greater degree of mystery, or tion, than those perpetrated at the of more or less public character. This through the agency of Sir Philip Cur mystery is largely due to the secrecy in which the custodians of the victi
The other case occurred after Sin nized institutions invariably envelop Philip's death, in the early '90's. Son

the circumstances of the theft, even to the point of denying that it has been committed. The things stolen are often of such extraordinary character ten of such extraordinary character courts of the museum. The articles in

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PARIS, Jan. 20—On the confession of M Picard, the Minister of Marino, while England builds a battleship in two years, it takes France five years of Joseph Racks, 20 years old, murdered in French arsonals, says M. Gerville Reache, the son of a former deputy, is that the French navis particular to the professional father, a millionaire wine professional father, a millionaire wine a metallicry deape and bureau recovered to the season of a former deputy, is that the French navis particular and the season of a former deputy, is that the French navis particular and the season of a former deputy, is that the French navis particular the professional former deputy, is that the French navis particular the polled arrived an example of what passes in the government declayards at Toulon, M. Reache states that before a rivet can be driven into a sheet of fron a written request for authorization must be transmitted to Paris, passing through the hands of 22 intermediaries, until treached the head of the ediminary mention of the distance of the minister of the season of the father and an authorization must be transmitted to Paris, passing through the same process, so that before a workman at Toulon can hit a rived on the head. 2 persons must give their consent.

Although 560 workmen a season for the ministration in Paris, without whose consent nothing can be done-has carried the section of masterly linacityty to such an extent that weeks and sometimes monthing and before a reply can be obtained from the heads of departments were concluded in a fortulght. The same engineer, who was au.

An American engineer, who was a conditioned to the professional particular particulations at Specials aimlight experiments were conclud

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One occurred in the very early days of the institution, and the thefts of some valuable enamelled and jewelled snuffboxes were traced by the police to expense of the great museums, national galleries, and celebrated collections as galleries, and celebrated collections assigned to duty at the museum at the time. It was lection, were stolen in a marvellous manner from one of the principal courts of the museum. The articles in question were preserved in a flat glass showcase, and were deemed of such value that the police officer on duty in that particular article, instead of carrying off others of greater value, more easily to conceal and transport, and above all more readily convertible into cash.

I am perfectly aware that most museum directors, if interviewed about the matter, would strenuously deny that the institutions intrusted to their care had ever been robbed, and that myold friend. Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, now head of the Metropofitan Museum of Art of New York, who is so renowned for his truthfulness, would at the best preserve an enigmatic silence with a pained look on his good-natured features, iff the subject should be broached to him. It is one he does not like to discuss.

And yet anyone acquainted with the internal economy of the management of museums (my father the late Sir Phillp Cunliffe-Owen, K. C. B., was one of the founders of the South Kensington Museum, and during a quarter of a century its director) is well aware look with with a mere turn of the look with with a mere turn of the look with with a mere turn of the look at the was unscrewed from its father than the look at the mister of the Mesum, and during a quarter of a century its director) is well aware

But this case of discovery and restitution is merely an isolated instance. and there must be thousands of stolen by day and not at night.

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pleces figuring in private collections in Europe, and particularly in this country, where the owners are more chary about admitting either strangers or the general public to visit their galleries than owners abroad.

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For some stronge reason most museum robberies appear to be perpetrated on Mondays. There are several extends the provider to the strangers of the provider to the strangers.

MONTELEONE, Jan. 20—'The observatory here since December 8 has registered 227 earth shocks of the first degree, 29 of the second degree, 18 of the third, 19 of the fourth, 4 of the

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Blown to pieces larly those who had no families, slept by exploding powder, burned to death in temporary bunks at the crib. It by the resultant fire or drowned in the was just as these men had been awak-