

## MAILING LETTERS BY THE FIRE ALARM

Young Man From Texas Banks  
on the First Red Receptacle  
as Letter Box

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Posting letters of love in the garbage can is an eccentric feat that has a vulgar appositeness attaching to its performance, but mailing the heart's winged messages through the fire alarm box has it beaten a long way for genuine felicity, if not for thoughtless originality. Examples of the former practice are carefully screened from

the public gaze on account of their unsavory aspect, but the rich glowing purity of the latter achievement is such as to commend itself to public sentiment.

Just such an example occurred in the city of Victoria yesterday afternoon, when a young man from some-

where down south, with more of the quicksilver in his veins than consecutive purpose in his head, opened the fire alarm box on the corner of Yates and Wharf streets to deposit two dainty picture postcards therein, presumably for transmission along the aerial truck and ladder combination to

The poor youth, a stranger to the darksome ways of this elder civilization, thought not in numbers but in colors, and on being informed that the letter box repositories were painted red presumed to think that nothing

else of the receptacle family could possibly boast the same color. He therefore indited his brief epistles and cast about for a suitable place to deposit them in. While thus engaged he discovered the fire alarm box mentioned, and observing that it "tallied" in color as well as in other apparently essential

In a vein of sublime satisfaction he  
repeated off to himself, looked at the

sauntered off to have a look at the city and to size it up as best he might through the rosy spectacles with which he saw the light. In his absence the fire department responded to the impromptu call to discover nothing more lurid than the two picture post cards. Of course inquiry was at once rife, and in a few minutes an individual who

had witnessed the humorous incident gave a description of the presumed practical joker. A search was at once instituted for him and very shortly the youth who had perpetrated the unconscious joke upon the fire department was in the hands of the law officers. His simple explanation of the offence

struck a live chord in the officers' temperamental make-up and he was fined \$10 to cover cost of the gasoline.

**UMPIRE-BAITING**

**IS PROHIBITED**

Profanity Will No Longer Be Tolerated at Baseball

### Tolerated at Baseball Matches

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 1.—Portus Baxter, the Seattle sporting writer, who has been made an assistant to Presi-

dent Lindsay, of the Northwestern League, has announced that President Lindsay will do everything in his power to stop the use of profanity by players on the field. In speaking of his position on this question, he said:

"From now on two things will not be tolerated in the Northwestern

League, profanity and umpire-baiting, of which there has been too much during the present season. Umpires will be backed up until it is shown they are clearly in the wrong.

"Under no circumstances will profanity be tolerated. The Tacoma justice of the peace, who fined Miles Netzel

for using profanity on the ball grounds deserves the thanks of every patron of the game. I realize that it has been next to impossible to secure the best umpires in the world, but I further realize that there has been too much ragging and back talk from players.

"From now on each club manager

ment will have a policeman at hand to deal with players who refuse to get out of the game or leave the grounds when so ordered by the umpire.

"Nothing so disgusts fans and makes baseball wearisome as the spectacle of wrangling like a lot of children. This league is big enough to eliminate rough

Tactics, and from now on it will be baseball."

**Tiger's Captain Injured.**

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 1.—Mike Lynch, captain of the Tacoma Tigers, was injured severely yesterday when he was hit in the head with a pitched ball from the hand of Rasmussen, the Van-

couver pitcher. The accident occurred in the second inning, while Lynch was at bat. Rasmussen cut loose a fast shoot which came towards the left side of the plate. Lynch dodged the ball, but it curved just before it reached the plate and struck Lynch in the side of the head.

The impact could be heard at all parts of the grounds. Lynch was knocked to the ground and was stunned for the moment, the blood gushing out of a wound several inches in length. He revived in a moment and walked to the bench. Annis replaced him in centre field for the remainder of the game.

This morning Lynch is reported as feeling some better and may be able to play this afternoon.

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**MYSTERY UNSOLVED.**

Kiev, Aug. 1.—Prikhodko, who was arrested as a suspect following an in-

Investigation of the mysterious murder of his stepson Yushochinsky, was released yesterday. A new investigation of the puzzling case has been entrusted to the courts at Odessa.

