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A Murder Which Disclosed A Jekyll and Hyde Life. (New York Times.)

The history of the lives of such men as Barrette and Holmes, brings to mind the trite saying that truth is stranger than fiction. A English novel which attracted much attention years ago had for its chief personages, if not its hero, a quiet man, who apparently led a correct and highly respectable life, but really was an expert burglar, steadily engaged in the practice of his criminal profession. The career of Barret was even more remarkable than that of this person, or of any other similar character which we recall in the field of fiction.

Barrett is now serving a life sentence in a Massachusetts prison, not for burglary, but for murder. A year and a half ago he shot and killed one Farrar, who was striving to prevent his escape from a dwelling house. He had stolen nothing but in attempting to make an entrance had set in motion a burglar alarm. As we have said he was imprisoned, but not until a few days ago did it become known that his arrest had cut short the career of one of the most skillful and successful burglars of his time. Barrett had been working steadily as a burglar for nineteen years, and had stolen property, the value of which is variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000. The victims of no less than seventy-five burglaries have already identified stolen articles in the remnant of his plunder, which, by chance, recently fell into the hands of the authorities.

Two weeks ago James S. Chaffey, of Roxbury, offered for sale in Boston some rare postage stamps. It was known that these had been stolen in 1885 from a collector residing in the suburbs of the city. Chaffey was arrested, and immediately thereafter the history of Barrett's crimes was uncovered. The convict's wife had made over to Chaffey certain property which was to be used in procuring a new trial for Barrett. But Chaffey was applying this property to his own use. There was a quarrel, and, as these two fell out honest men began to get their dues. At ready seventy-five families have recovered stolen goods found in the possession of Chaffey, and in certain storage warehouses where Barrett had placed it.

Barrett had lived a double life. For nineteen years he had plied the trade of burglary, with headquarters in two small rooms in Boston. During the greater part of this time he had been familiarly known to the very detectives in Boston who were trying to capture the man guilty of the crime he had committed. They believed him to be a horse dealer, a buyer of antique furniture, and a maker of watches. For years he had supported his wife in luxury in this city, where she was noted for her fine clothing, her jewels and her skill in horsemanship. The pair had also passed several seasons at Newport where Mrs Barrett displayed her skill as a rider after the foxhounds and was known to many wealthy persons while her husband was plundering their houses. Her supply of money and jewels seemed inexhaustible. Her husband came to this city by night and returned by night. She explained that he was in business in Boston. On the evening following the arrest of Chaffey, two weeks ago, she won a white ribbon at the Horse Show in Madison Square Garden by riding a chestnut mare belonging to a well known owner of horses, but immediately thereafter she went into seclusion.

Barrett, who came from England in 1875 was by trade a machinist and wood carver. He afterward became a taxidermist, a watchmaker, an electroplate, a buyer of old furniture and a horse dealer. He had a stock farm in this state. But behind all these occupations, in each of which he was skillful, was the trade of burglary, which he pursued regularly and in which he was an expert. He worked at it alone. He had reduced it to a science. Never in the nineteen years had he been in imminent danger of detection until the day when he shot Farrar. He robbed the houses of the rich, and his operations were confined to the wealthy towns of Eastern Massachusetts. His plunder was jewels, bric-a-brac, fine fur garments, paintings, plate stocks and bonds. It was he who carried away the master pieces of French art from the Ames collection, cutting them from their frames. Nothing which he had taken was found in the pawn shops or other depositories of stolen goods. The

precious stones he wrenched from their settings; plate and other precious metal went into his melting pot; unset or newly set diamonds were safely sold in distant cities; paintings and certain other goods were stored in warehouses for years. Nothing was ever traced to the little rooms of the watchmaker and horse dealer in Boston, or to the fine apartments of Mrs. Barrett, in Fifty-eight street, where the innocent son of the burglar was carefully educated under the best teachers. The evidence indicates that she did not know the nature of his business until he was arrested for killing Farrar. Up to the time when the residue of his plunder was discovered, two weeks ago, the convict hoped to obtain a new trial but now that hope is gone.

What a deplorable misdirection of energy and waste of exceptional mental force the life of this man Barrett exhibits. This is the reflection, we think that is most clearly suggested by a contemplation of his criminal career. Here was a man of rare endowments, skilful in any one of several honest trades requiring a quick brain and deft fingers to which he put his hand—a man who, in his criminal pursuit as well as his lawful undertakings exhibited remarkable intelligence, keen foresight, knowledge of men, self-restraint and other qualities for which there is in America the best market in the world. Barrett might have been what is called in these days a Captain of industry, with millions lawfully acquired in his strong box, if he had used his skill and intelligence lawfully. What was the origin or cause of that fatal twist in the brain which diverted that man from a lawful, honorable and successful exercise of his exceptional powers?

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DEC. 30.—Christmas passed off very quietly here. The usual out-door sports, which form the great feature of Christmas holidays were, this year, not to be enjoyed. The roads were in such a condition that sleighing was impossible and wagoning anything but pleasurable, even the bay was not sufficiently frozen to allow skating. So denied of these sources of enjoyment, our people passed the day quietly, though perhaps not less profitably.

Midnight Mass was offered up in the R. C. church. The music was excellent and the singing reflects much credit on the choir. The church was tastefully decorated and brilliantly illuminated; all was in perfect keeping with the grand and joyous festival.

Our school opens on Jan. 2nd, in charge of Miss Aurelie Daigle, of St. Louis. Miss Daigle has proved herself a very painstaking and capable teacher, and the great progress which the pupils have made during the last term, as shown on the examination, was a great source of satisfaction to parents. Miss Daigle is spending the holidays here, it being inconvenient for her to go home. The school of District No. 13 will remain closed for a part of coming term, at least, to allow some expensive repairs to be made to the interior of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Dysart spent Christmas with Mrs. Dysart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hannigan, of Buctouche.

Miss Annie St. Peter will attend the Provincial Normal School this term.

Smelts have been quite plentiful this season and prices fair. The trade has been quite brisk but recent soft weather has caused somewhat of a lull. The trade is however, reviving with the approaching cold weather. A number of Shediac merchants lost a carload of smelts by the car being left on a siding, during shipment, until the soft weather came on, when the whole lot was ruined. DIXIE.

A man released from jail in Winchester Ind., a few days ago, after serving a long term, went straight to the railroad station to take a train for his home and in attempting to board it fell under the wheels and was killed.

C. Donnelly, prop., of the popular and well-known Windsor Hotel, Alliston, Ont., was troubled for years with Itching Piles. He was persuaded by Jas. McGarvey, Alliston, livery man, to use Cha'e's Ointment, which he did, and was cured, has had no return of them and highly recommends this Ointment as a sovereign cure for Piles.

Three new senators were appointed on Tuesday, and Robert White got the long-coveted collectorship of customs for the port of Montreal. The new senators are all from Montreal. They are Mayor J. E. Villeneuve, for De Salaberry division, formerly represented by the late Joseph Tasse; Wm. Owens, for Inkerman division, in succession to the late Sir John Abbott, and James O'Brien, for Victoria division, formerly represented by the late Edward Murphy, the writ for Charlevoix fixes January 20th for nomination and 27th for polling.

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