

THE LADY AND THE LACES.

New Wrinkle on One of the Floor Detectives.

New York, Dec. 22.—This story is told among the department store sleuths of an alleged episode of this rush season. A man pushed into a crowded store, wiping his brow, and panted in the ear of one of the floor detectives:

See that woman, George; the clever looking one in the black dress? Indicating a woman who had just entered the store.

George saw her.

Well, said the perspiring stranger, watch her; she's the limit; she's just come from our store. We know her; she's been playing the game there for some time; she'll load up like a pack horse if you give her a chance. I've piped her off all the afternoon and have shadowed her up here. Watch her, I tell you.

The woman in black approached a counter on which was a display of lace handkerchiefs, and, looking around cautiously, slipped about half a dozen of them under her cloak.

What'd I tell you, George? Pipe her, said the sleuth from the other store, as he nudged George in the ribs.

From the lace handkerchief counter the woman in black visited the silk hosiery counter and then went to several others. At each she helped herself generously and dexterously. George, with the other sleuth, followed at a convenient distance. The woman, when she started to leave the store, not only had a load under her loose fitting cloak, but her pockets were bulging.

Leave it to me, George. I know her game. I'll get her for both of us, said the visiting sleuth. You stand here at the door.

George stood at the door for five minutes. Then he went out into the cold world and is still looking for:

- 1—The woman.
- 2—The other sleuth.
- 3—A j. b.

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A GIANT SLUMBERING.

Attitude of the United States to Reciprocity.

Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 21.—Speaking at the annual banquet of the Fitchburg Merchants' Association tonight, Dr. Wm. H. Montague of Milton, a former member of the Canadian Privy Council, discussing "Canadian Institutions and the Relation of Canada to the United States," said that the determination of Canadians was to build a great auxiliary British nation upon the northern half of this continent. He emphasized his conviction that Canada no longer sought reciprocity with the United States, and added:—"There was a time when you could have had the markets of Canada. You were then a giant slumbering in the mountains of your own prosperity and indifference. I tell you honestly that you slumbered too long. Canada is now so busy herself that she does not hear you knocking at her door for wider trade. We will work out our own salvation. We will control our own destiny."

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Gould then fled to a fraternity house, and the sophomores returned to the college campus, secured reinforcements, returned, and blocked both ends of the street on which the fraternity house is located. Hundreds of howling students were on guard.

Young Gould was later rescued by his father, who took him away in a carriage under the guard of three men, supposed to be detectives.

A LION HUNTER KILLED.

Another Life Sacrificed in Hunt of Big Game.

London, Dec. 22.—Still another name, that of Mr. W. E. Stuart, formerly a lieutenant in the Scottish Horse, has to be added to the roll of human victims sacrificed to the love of big game hunting. In company of a friend, Mr. Stuart was out after lions in Uganda. They had killed one and wounded another, the latter a huge black-maned beast, over twelve feet in length.

The wounded animal came straight for the hunters, several shots they fired at it either missing or glancing off its ribs. Mr. Stuart, under the impression that there was still a charge in his rifle, waited until the lion was close upon him before attempting to fire.

His friend heard a click as the trigger was pulled, but it was followed by no report, and the next instant, says The Natal Mercury, the lion was on top of Mr. Stuart, who was fatally mauled about the legs before his companion was able to distract the animal's attention and give it the finishing bullet.

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