

LETTERS WRECK HOMES

Mysterious Woman Writer Creates Furore in Chicago Society.

MANY WEDDINGS BROKEN OFF.

Chicago Dec. 8.—For nearly four years, prominent society families of the North side in this city have been frightened by a crafty and venomous writer of anonymous letters, in which vilification is used in an effort to besmirch the characters of the recipients in the eyes of those dearest to them.

The writer of the letters evidently keeps close watch of the society columns in the city papers. Announcement of the engagement or prospective marriage of prominent young persons has been followed closely by letters addressed to the bride-to-be, or to some relative of the families involved, and containing the most revolting charges of immorality against the prospective bridegroom.

Wives, husbands, sweethearts, brothers and sisters have been shocked by the accusations made. Engagements have been broken, weddings deferred, friendships destroyed and homes made unhappy because the recipients of the letters allowed themselves to be influenced by them. After months of silence and suffering, it became known that the charges were baseless.

The mysterious letter writer has also tried to blacken the reputations of persons whose public lives are above reproach. Husbands have been told fantastic stories of their wives' infidelity. Wives have been horrified at the tales used in connection with the names of those held most dear.

HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES ATTACKED.

For a long time after the letters began to be sent out, those who received them closed their lips, not even wishing their nearest friends to know about them. Then some of the victims of the unknown enemy compared notes, and it developed gradually that hundreds of reputable families had been attacked.

Dr. Fernand Henrotin, who received one of the letters over two years ago, made complaint at the time to the postal authorities, and asked Inspector James E. Stuart to investigate and ferret out the identity of the writer. Private detective were employed also, and the police were invoked in an effort to capture the guilty party.

Evidence accumulated tended to show that the letters were written by a woman within a limited territory on the north side. The postmarks gave this clue. Mail boxes were watched, houses of suspected ones were scrutinized night and day, and their inmates shadowed closely, but with all their vigilance, the officers, especially of the postal department, said they could not secure evidence to warrant the arrest of anybody.

A recent revival of the letter writing has caused renewed vigilance, with the most vigorous complaints to Stuart says he is using every lawful means to find the guilty person, and he has the aid of the city police force.

Mania on the part of a person mentally sound on all other questions and friendship of such long standing that it prevents one in authority from exposing the author constitutes the latest and, it is believed, the correct solution of the mystery of the letter writer. Each new link in the evidence tends to fasten the responsibility upon a woman of standing, who is the victim of a morbid mental malady.

FEMININE JEKYLL AND HYDE.

The investigators have made out the subject of their suspicions to be a feminine Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde—one who destroys without motive the happiness of friends and acquaintances or strangers, selected at random, and is powerless to ward off the horrible spell that transforms her from a useful member of society into a fiend.

One whose family has been the victim

of the letter writer but who declines to allow the use of his name, said today:

"A woman of apparent refinement, whose mental peculiarities have never occasioned more than the passing remark that she was 'queer,' has been by the post office department Inspector, all but proved guilty of this charge. The proof could have been secured were we able to get the hearty support of the postal authorities in prosecuting our investigation, but this has been lacking. We have found a striking similarity in writing that has led experts, detectives and novices alike to point to the same source as responsible for the authorship of the objectionable missives.

"We have been able to show that these letters were mailed from the same boxes and at the same time the suspected woman was seen to mail letters. Our detectives shadowed her to the post boxes, but there they were balked and could go no further."

SAYS HE KNOWS THE WOMAN.

A local paper prints an interview with Dr. Fernand Henrotin, without the latter's authority, in which the physician gives in detail circumstances which convinced him of the identity of the woman who wrote the letters that attacked his family. He says the accused woman came to his office several times and discussed the letter writing episode so dramatically and excitedly as to prove beyond a doubt that she was not only guilty, but mentally affected.

Dr. Henrotin is quoted as saying he sought members of her family to urge upon the necessity of placing her under treatment. His advice was received with scorn. He says he attended a conference of attorneys and others interested at the home of Mrs. Horatio N. May. He was not convinced, he says, of his error.

Mrs. May was asked about the conference this evening, but declined to enter into details of discussion of it, further than to reiterate that Dr. Henrotin was mistaken in his assumption. Mrs. May is not suspected of having anything to do with the writing of the letters, but she is interested in the defence of the woman charged. She and her sister, Mrs. Fannie McIntyre, live in the fashionable Astor-place near the Lake Shore Drive, and she is among those who received the anonymous letters.

Inspector Stewart says he has not secured evidence that warrants him in preferring charges or having the accused put under arrest.

The Day of Miracles Not Past.

A Toronto "Star" reporter investigated the case of Mr. Geo. Warner, and found that after thirteen years of almost total deafness, he had been cured by inhaling Catarrhazone.

This proves that where Catarrhazone treatment is employed, impaired hearing and deafness can be cured. Catarrhazone always brings quick relief, and is warranted to give lasting satisfaction. All sufferers from Impaired Hearing, Deafness, Head Noises and Ringing in the Ears are advised to inhale Catarrhazone and derive the great benefit it is capable of affording. Price \$1.00; small size 25c. Druggists, or N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills cure Constipation.

THE FISHERIES IN ICELAND

Fishing Area Said to be Moving Northward to Icelandic Waters.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Tuesday, Nov. 11.—A Danish navy officer just returned from Iceland, has given the correspondent of the Associated Press some interesting information on the fisheries and conditions in Iceland. The Danish government has observed that the fishing area is moving northward owing to the large and destructive catch in waters adjacent to the Scandinavian countries. It has, therefore, undertaken a survey of waters near the Faroe islands, Iceland, and the regions in the vicinity of the Polar circle. This work is conducted by the navy. The results are interesting and will prove of great value to the fishing interests of Denmark.

It has been discovered that immense quantities of fish, especially cod and herring are to be found in those waters. On a recent trip the Danish ship Dania sometimes ploughed through shoals of these varieties for a long distance when they could

be scooped up without any fishing tackle. New banks were discovered, some of them of great extent. These appear to be new homes for the fish, possessing the necessary requisites for feeding them and rearing their young. The eyes of English, French, German and Norwegian fisheries have been turned to Iceland and they are beginning to go there in large numbers for the purpose of participating in the catch.

As to Iceland proper, important changes have taken place among its people. They had been rather intemperate and unprogressive for some time, but temperance has now made much progress among the people.

The agitation for a more liberal constitution also awakened a spirit of intellectual progress among the Icelanders and the mother country has now granted their request to have a separate minister, who is to reside in Iceland. Heretofore, matters pertaining to Iceland have been cared for by the Danish minister of justice.

Economically there is also an upward trend in Iceland. Trade with Denmark hitherto has been largely a matter of barter to the great disadvantage of Iceland. Now, however, it is conforming to modern methods with money as the medium of exchange. Salmon fisheries are being exploited in the country, plans are on foot for establishing large canning factories along the rivers, which furnish excellent water power and Englishmen and Americans are taking an interest in this project.

The tourist traffic to Iceland, especially from England and America, is rapidly increasing. The geysers, volcanic formations, weird mountain scenery and excellent summer climate make it attractive and different from any other region in the world.

How to Beautify the Complexion.

To have a soft, smooth skin, free from eruptions and pimples, the blood must be healthy and pure. Ferrozone invigorates enfeebled blood, and cleanses it of all impurities and poisons; it brings color to the lips and cheeks, brilliancy to the eyes, whitens the teeth and sweetens the breath. No tonic compares with Ferrozone in rapid action and permanent results. Try it. Price 50c. at druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills cure Headache.

"The fact that I am a good musician," said the lady from a country village, "was the means of saving my life during the flood in our town a few years ago." "How was that?" asked the young lady who sang. "When the water struck our house my husband got aboard the folding bed and floated down the stream until he was rescued." "And what did you do?" "Well, I accompanied him on the piano."

In some of the Swiss valleys the inhabitants are afflicted with koiré or "thick neck." Instead of regarding this as a deformity they seem to think it a natural feature of physical development, and tourists passing through the valleys are sometimes jaded by the goitrous inhabitants, because they are without the offensive swelling. Thus a form of disease may become so common that it is regarded as a natural and necessary condition of life. It is so, to a large extent, with what are called diseases of women. Every woman suffers more or less from irregularity, ulceration, debilitating drains, or female weakness, and this suffering is so common that it is so universal that many women accept it as a condition natural and necessary to their sex. But it is a condition unnatural as it is unnecessary. The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures the delicate womanly organs and regulates the womanly functions, so that woman is practically delivered from the pain and misery which eat up ten years of her life—between the ages of fifteen and forty-five. "Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong and sick women well.

THE SENTIMENTAL SYMBOLISM OF COLORS.

Red, for courage and intense love. Its emblem is the ruby. White, for youth, freshness and innocence, represented by pearls and diamonds. Yellow—the topaz—wisdom and glory, but jealousy, too, except for the November-born. Violet means dignity, and the amethyst is highly prized as an amulet to keep friendship and love. Green symbolizes hope, joy, youth, and is represented by the emerald, which is fabled to change color if the love changes. Blue means constancy, truth and friendship, and is represented by the sapphire, although the "forget-me-not" stone, the turquoise, and even turquoise-matrix, have claims for recognition.

A LOST GIRL.

Daughter of a Prominent Aroostook Farmer

MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED AT BANGOR.

Belief That She is Held Against Her Will.

(Boston Traveler.)

Working on the theory that she was enticed from home and that she is now being detained against her own will in some house in Boston, a squad of special officers in conjunction with several private detectives are searching for the whereabouts of Blanche Garrison, a pretty, vivacious brunette of 18 summers and the only child of a wealthy farmer of Aroostook county, Maine, who disappeared from Bangor while shopping with her aunt on the morning of Nov. 25 under most startling circumstances.

The father of the missing young woman will be furnished all the aid he desires in his search for his daughter, who was traced to Boston, arriving here on the 9 o'clock express from the East over the Western division of the Boston & Maine railroad.

The belief that the girl was lured away from home is based on several incidents which occurred in Bangor the two days she and her aunt remained there together. The girl and her aunt left home the previous Monday, that is on Nov. 24, with the intention of purchasing a lot of dress goods and wearing apparel for the winter.

Although aunt and niece live on the Fort Kent road about 15 miles from Smyrna Mills, they often went down to Bangor on shopping excursions.

On one of these excursions, last summer, the girl got acquainted with a fine-looking, stylishly-dressed, elderly woman, who exacted a promise from her to call on her every time she visited Bangor.

In fact, the girl and the strange woman reached that stage of intimacy that they corresponded regularly every week.

Miss Garrison was seen with the woman about an hour before she disappeared. The woman, it is safe to assert, went with her, for a couple answering their descriptions to the minutest detail rode on the train which left Bangor about midday, and which reached Boston at the time already mentioned.

The private detectives, from their investigation along the line of the railroad, feel certain that the couple rode clear through to Boston. A couple answering their description took lunch in the restaurant in the Portland station, and the same persons, the investigation shows, hired a coupe in front of the Causeway street station in Boston and rode to Bowdoin square.

Beyond the dress suit case, which the elderly woman carried, the pair had no baggage. The coupe driver does not know what became of the couple after they discharged and paid him.

The registers of the hotels near Bowdoin square show that no such persons engaged a room or rooms on that night. In fact, all the hotel registers, big and little, have been scrutinized in the hope that some light might be thrown on the couple's action on the night of their arrival in Boston.

Another herdic driver has been found who thinks that he drove such a couple to a certain house in Captain Wescott's division, but the proprietress of this house denies ever seeing such a party. The police don't put any faith in this cabman's story.

The girl's father is confident that she is detained in some place, and that her elderly companion is responsible for her detention.

The detectives are of the belief that the girl wrote her elderly friend that she was going to Bangor, and that the two arranged plans for leaving that city together.

Miss Garrison had about \$50 on her when she deserted her aunt. The aunt first missed her in a big department store where the two had gone to select some dress goods and a new hat for each.

The missing girl is a very attractive brunette, being of plump form, finely moulded face, with dimpled rosy cheeks, and luxuriant flowing black hair. She celebrated her 19th birthday last July. She is about 5 feet, 6 inches in height, has dark eyes and weighs about 125 pounds.

At the time of her disappearance she wore a black Astrachan coat and muff and a black hat with ostrich tips.

The father feels certain that his daughter would inform him of her whereabouts if she was able to do so. It is his firm belief that she was laboring under some kind of a spell when she left Bangor with the unknown, and that she is now under some influence that she cannot resist, if, indeed, she is not a prisoner.

The search for the young woman will be kept up until something definite can be learned of her whereabouts.

Lightning Remedy for Cramps.

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Dr. Hamilton's Mandrake Pills cure Constipation.

LARGE BEAR KILLED

IN CAPE BRETON.

Kenneth McLeod, of Northeast Margaree, C. B., had a thrilling experience while on a hunt for caribou, at this place on Thursday last. He started out from his home early in the morning with a good sized old fashioned musket slung over his shoulder. There was a few inches of snow on the ground and Mr. McLeod had not gone far when he came across bear tracks. He followed them for five or six hours, and then suddenly came across Bruin going up a hill a short distance away.

Mr. McLeod placed his gun to his shoulder and fired. The shot took effect and Bruin with a yell of rage, rolled over and over, but he quickly regained his feet. Then, with a loud roar, he started for his intended victim. In the meantime McLeod commenced loading his gun. Onward came Bruin, and slowly the ramrod wedged the charge. The animal came thundering down the slope, and just in the nick of time the hunter again placed the musket to his shoulder and fired.

When the smoke cleared Bruin lay dead ten feet away, the shot having penetrated his heart. The animal measured eight feet in length, and is beyond doubt one of the largest ever killed in Cape Breton. Mr. McLeod will get eight dollars as a bounty.

A NOBLEMAN'S

MISSING WINE.

Twisting on Facts.

"Van Wither made an unfortunate remark at Sumner's wedding yesterday."

"What did he say?" "Congratulated him on the treasure he had won, and every one but Van knows Sumner married her for her money."

His Fear.

"It worries him to think how narrow chested he is."

"Afrail of consumption, eh?" "Oh, no. He's afraid his best won't be big enough to hold all the medals he expects to win before he dies."

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