

A Woman Detective's Story

By SADIE OLCOTT

I am a woman detective. I was once sent to decoy a desperado who was making collections ostensibly for the church.

I entered the room and, going up to him, said: "The Rev. Mr. Burt, I believe."

"I am," he said, rising and looking at me suspiciously.

"I have understood that you have great success in raising money for churches, and I would like to know if you would be willing to help me pay off a mortgage on our church at Avondale."

Avondale was a town not far from Edgerton, and I had heard that one of its churches was under mortgage, which the congregation desired to pay off.

I described to him the situation at Avondale, stating that the people there were well to do, but needed some persuasive speaker to wake them up.

I pretended to go to Avondale, but really returned to the sheriff, who had employed me, to arrange with him as to when and where he should send the force intended to make the arrest.

It was agreed between us that he was to send one picked man to Edgerton, who was to pass himself as a commercial traveler.

Returning to Edgerton, I told Mr. Burt that everything had been arranged at Avondale, but the evening selected for his appeal for funds had been fixed for the following Sunday, four days hence.

When I thought the time ripe I revealed the character I wished him to take me for by confessing that I expected a share in the collection I was to bring about.

Having won his confidence, I kept holding up the rich hauls we would make, I joining congregations and arranging for addresses, to be followed by collections. He would disappear, leaving me to repent having put confidence in a rascal.

When all was ready for my scheme I took a position in the hall and after pretending to have watched for some time called Burt and told him the coast was clear, and he went into the room for the money.

"Get in the trunk," I said. "It is your only chance." I raised the lid, and he got inside. I clapped the lid down on him and locked him in.

FROZEN COMBS.

Treatment For Fowls That Have Suffered From Frostbite. Frozen or frosted combs and wattles are common at this season, whether you house your birds in closed buildings or those with open fronts.

Freezing of the headgear is largely a matter of poor condition of the bird, and dampness with sudden changes in temperature.

Exposure to severe cold winds when headgear is wet with drinking water is a common cause of freezing.

Do not take the bird into a warm room. Warmth will cause trouble.

FEEDING BROOD MARES DUE TO FOAL IN SPRING

Mares due to foal during the spring months need a nourishing winter ration. A rapid development of the young colt is essential if a healthy yearling or two-year-old is desired.

Proper feeding of the brood mare during pregnancy determines in a large measure the strength of the colt at birth. A grain ration of three parts oats and one part corn by weight serves very well.

Horse breeders, according to Dr. H. H. Havner, in charge of live stock extension at the Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, prefer to feed some wheat bran in connection with oats and corn.

The present high price of mill feeds, however, has led many feeders to reject bran. There is no reason why wheat bran should not be rejected in the ration if oilmeal is given in the amount recommended, said Dr. Havner.

There is a tendency to feed horses too much hay. During the winter brood mares may be fed from one to one and a fourth pounds of hay per 100 pounds live weight daily.

Miss Gladys Annis has arrived at her home on Center road from Putney, Vt., where she is a teacher of the intermediate grades, for a vacation of five weeks.

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SHIRLEY

The reader for Monday evening's motion picture show will be "Twin Souls" in three parts. Other pictures will be "The trunk mystery," a very exciting story of the New York underworld; a comedy "Hot dogs" and "Ham's stratagem," a screaming flim and Bud comedy.

F. H. Fowler, president of the Brotherhood of the Congregational church, has secured the services of Rev. John S. Denman, of Cambridge, as the speaker for the next meeting, March 13.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore's Rebekah lodge held its regular meeting last week Friday evening and observed Washington's birthday by holding a Washington party.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their monthly suppers on Sunday visiting the parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lindenberg.

The Frank-Balcom family are moving from the double house opposite the Shirley Cash Market to Ayer.

The state department of weights and measures just printed a fifty-three page booklet, "Measuring for the household," which is profusely illustrated with drawings and halftones and contains articles of much value to any household.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Martha J. Conant, a majority of the members being present.

Kalin Bros. opened their new store of men's furnishings goods in Peasley's block Thursday evening with a band concert by the Empire orchestra and the giving away of souvenirs.

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Corley would like to meet any of his people who are contemplating joining the church, at the home of Mrs. Louise Butler, Saturday evening, from seven to nine o'clock.

The school committee held its regular meeting last Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. T. H. Kelly, who voted to meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month at the home of the chairman, Dr. Lilly at eight in the evening.

Richard Walsh was arraigned in the district court in Ayer Monday morning for an alleged violation of the law by the State farm in Bridgewater, Center.

Harold Mackaye, of New York, has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye.

The Groton School Gymnasium team will give an exhibition in the town hall on Saturday evening, March 3. The exhibition will probably be followed by a musical.

James Mackaye, of Cambridge, spent the week-end at the home of his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye, on Parker road.

The next meeting of the First Parish Branch Alliance will be held on Thursday, March 8, at the home of Mrs. Luther E. Holden.

Miss Mildred Evans of Bolton, enjoyed a week's vacation from teaching last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida Evans.

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The family for many years lived in Littleton and occupied different houses in the center and the west district. They have a family lot in Westham where an invalid daughter was buried several years ago.

The funeral was held from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon. It was said that the body would be cremated.

The storm of Monday afternoon doubtless interfered with the plans of many a local club woman, but a good attendance was present at the first of the district art conferences held in the Littleton Art Club building.

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It is expected that he will again appear in public with the band in the near future.

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and was approved by the town appropriation committee. At the town meeting this article was indefinitely postponed, and then it was voted to appropriate \$300 "under recommendations."

Recently we have learned more in regard to the entrance of Charles Shattuck, Sr., into the field of music. It seems that the late Frank Hemingway tutored Mr. Shattuck a good deal when he first started in.

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The man who is breeding every mare old enough to the best stallion available and is taking proper care of the offspring is the man who is sure to be rewarded.

LITTLETON

Mrs. P. S. Woods is gradually recovering from a cold of long duration.

Thomas Stephens has been harassed again with bronchial trouble.

Roland Houghton is visiting his aunts in Barre.

Clipping.

GROTON

History of the Groton Band.

There is one citizen of Groton, who has been closely connected with the Groton band at different times during the last fifteen years who has not been mentioned.

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GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publisher JOHN H. TURNER, Editor

AYER

A horse attached to a light sleigh... The daily labors of the Bee... Subscribers are urged to keep their subscriptions paid in advance... Saturday, March 3, 1917.

dates at the next meeting March 14... Frank McQuarrie, who has been quite sick with typhoid fever... George W. Luddington is at the Massachusetts General hospital...

burg, came and cleared the traffic... Eugene Mansfield, a well-known railroad man... The March meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance was held at the Unitarian vestry Thursday afternoon...

direction and was made safe by the presence of motor boats and swimming instructors... The boys attended this camp last year... The speaker also said that it would be a good plan for the older persons to encourage the boys in this important work...

Father Time introduced nine Greek muses, who appeared in tableau and awarded prizes... Mrs. Elizabeth Starnie contributed a very artistic solo dance... The program was pleasantly varied by the Mandolin club and a cello solo...

TOWNSEND Little Jennie Stearns and Miss Mildred Stearns, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stearns... Mrs. Annie Collyer, housekeeper for Augustus Garrish for a good many years, suffered a severe shock Monday night...

of Ayer extends an invitation to the public of Littleton to attend a free meeting on gardening... P. Donlon & Co. Meats Groceries Provisions... LITTLETON News Items... I. G. Dwinell Fine Groceries and Hardware... Perry's Glycerine Lotion... DRUG STORE AYER

