

It seemed a mere commonplace incident—the burglary at Professor Champre's residence in the Rue des I---, one of the fashionable quarters of Paris.

Cleverly planned it might have been, but what of that? In all large cities are not cleverly-planned burglaries every day, or rather every night, occurrences?

To all appearance, indeed, there seemed to be nothing whatever exceptional about this particular burglary, and as for the likelihood of there being any element of sensakionalism in it, well, the keenestnosed of detectives might have smiled with amusement at the childish simplicity of the mere suggestion.

The facts were these. Professor Champre, one of the great luminaries of the medical world in Paris, went with his newly-married wife, a woman of great beauty and attainhouse had been broken into, and was murder!" value of \$50,000 had been taken from the safe. The opening of the safe was in itself a masterpiece of the cracksman's skill. In the upper part no fewer than sixty holes were bored; the layer of ashes was removed, and in the second plate similar number of holes had been pierced. In addition to the valuables mentioned, several oil paintings were missing, and in the Professor's study, strewn all over the floor, were the ruins of a collection of rare anatomical preparations ruthlessly destroyed.

The Professor at once reported the facts to the police, and also to the insurance office in which he held a policy against burglary for \$60,000. "I do not stand to lose much in money," he said, "but my unique collection-ah, it is that I am grieved about. That cannot be replaced. It was unique, and now it was destroyed! What for? I cannot un-

derstand." "Pure malice, I suppose,": the in-

surance man said.

him alive!"

clue would be forthcoming. It had below. been ascertained that the bulk of Jean Pepin saw all this with his standing half open now, and I saw from the insurance office I received hopelessly intoxicated. thoughts about that.

moment of inspiration, over his cof- plicitly trusted until, as rarely hapfce in the Boulevard Beranger, "if pened, he found himself indubitably Madame Champre - ah, good hea- following a false scent. vens! what a sensation it would create! Here is the clue I must fol-

persistently, till to his boundless de- charge of theft and murder, and light he got to know of a circum- Paris was provided with a fresh stance which entirely confirmed him sensation, to which the evil tongue manner that she had done something in his suspicion that the burglar of gossip speedily imparted a very wrong, and that she was afraid might prove to be no other than piquancy of a kind relished by those whether you had seen her do it?" Madame Champre herself!

difficulties, was, in fact, on the very had been able to ascertain, he completely recovered his position.

"unless I am a hopeless fool, here ing what sordid revelations would Her counsel urged a pathetic plea is a clear case of two and two make transpire in the course of the pro- in defence of her, but what weight four. Madame Champre, in order to save her favorite, possessed herself of the jewels and securities, sold them in Lyons, and handed over the proceeds to this cousin. The breaking into the house and the safebah! she arranged that, perhaps the cousin-ah, yes, that was his part in the affair. And the oil paintings? If they are not hidden away somewhere in the house, then I would expect to find them at the cousin's. For certain, it is all too plain to be Champre's visit to that city; and tinctly severe, and at the finish of it doubted; and I will communicate at more significant still-positively con- what slender chances had remained once with monsieur the Professor. clusive-was the equally well-attested to the accused were completely dis-Ha! what a sensation the affaire will create!"

So, without more ado, Monsieur Pepin went in search of writing materials, and wrote to the Professor in Paris as follows:

supposed burglar is! On certain Rue des Imonsieur, you will have the good- port of the first charge. with me in the matter. I shall ex- indictment of having sent her hus- demands of justice.

Monsieur Pepin received no reply as few words as possible, this:

TRAGIC DEATH OF PROFESSOR on receipt of that astounding infor- turned: CHAMPRE.

As we go to press the sad intelligence of the tragic death of Monsieur Louis Champre, the famous Parisian Professor of Anatomy, who committed suicide by throwing himself out of a window on the fifth storey of his residence in the Rue des I-, at noon to-day. Conjecture is busy in the circles of Parisian society, where the eminently-gifted Professor was universally esteemed, in suggesting explanations of the desperate deed, but up to the present the real cause remains an inscrutable mystery. In view of the high position to which Monsieur Champre had attained in his noble profession, and which he filled with such brilliant distinction, it is difficult to conceive that he, in the prime of life, and in the enjoyment of health and fame and fortune, and the society of the charming lady whom he had but recently made his wife, should put an end to himself. It is easier to believe that the unfortunate Professor was the victim of an accident, or even of violence.

"Inscrutable mystery!" said Monsieur Pepin to himself, with a grim smile. "Ah! so it is to all the world but one man, but me. Yes, ments, to spend the Christmas holi- Monsieur Editor, you are right; it days with some friends in Lyons. is difficult to believe it is a case of When he returned, after an absence suicide; it is easier to attribute it accused, of all the missing jewels said: of a fortnight, he found that his to violence. It was not suicide; it and securities. Three of them were

> criminals lay back in his chair and, whom they bought a number of the no more deserves than you or 1. I storey of the residence in the Rue person concerned. des I—. And this is what he saw, the scene had actually been enacted cused resided in the Rue des I---, you, Madame, to acquit yourself." before his open eyes in broad day- and of having found the missing oil

expose her before the servants, lest and two of them were wrapped in an searched, and a document, a letter, quested her to go with him to the Champre's name. top storey of the house. With a frightened look upon her face, now evidence of the day, that of the serquite colorless, she rose and follow- vant, Marie Boyer, who saw her mised him. There he read the letter to tress in the act of stepping back her and, choking with emotion, from the window in the fifth storey. questioned her on the matter. At "I heard the Professor tell Madame passed it on to the judge. When it humor. At every kick a barrel-head first she hesitated, but at length, to go with him upstairs, that he with downcast eyes and guilty shame had something very unpleasant to she confessed the crime. Stung to say. I was in the next room at the madness by her guilt, he raved at time; dusting the things. Madame her, foreswore her, and declared his went with him. When I heard the intention to acquaint the police with door shut I crept up the stairs to the facts and have her arrested. She hear what it was-the unpleasant "I would like to catch the villain fell upon her knees before him im- thing the Professor was going to who robbed me of my treasures," re- ploring him with tears to be merci- say. He was reading something turned the Professor. "I would flay ful, but he spurned her from him. about the affair-the burglary; then Presently, exhausted by his outburst he stopped, and asked Madame if she But "the villain" was not to be of passionate resentment and bitter knew who it was the letter meant. caught, in spite of the combined ef- grief, he paused by a window, and Madame did not answer. I did not forts of the police and the detectives leaned out of it to let the fresh hear her speak. Then the Profesdirectly employed by the insurance breeze cool his heated brain. Then, sor said, as if he was angry and office to hunt him down. In fact, in an instant, it flashed upon the sorry at the same time, 'Listen, none of them possessed the slightest wife's mind that here was her op- Adele, I will tell you who the burclue as to who "the villain" might portunity to avert ruin and dis- glar was.' I did not hear any more, be that they were looking for. How- grace. Immediately she sprang to because one of them came towards ever, they continued looking for him the window, and with one determined the door, and I ran away quietly not -here, there and everywhere. Af- effort pushed her threatener head- to be seen there if they should look and so forth, to give color to the the occasion of the discovery, how to good that the first pushed her threatener head- to be seen there if they should look ter some months it seemed that a long to the pavement seventy feet out. In ten minutes or so I crept affair. From the sale of the jewels ever, the animal had imbibed so

the missing securities had been sold closed eyes vividly. It was his ha- Madame stepping back from the winin Lyons during the Professor's vis- bit thus to dream himself present dow, very much upset. She saw The amount of my secret liabilities great Fish Festival is one of the it there! That was certainly re- amid the circumstances of the crime me, and looked frightened, and cried was over \$185,000, but with those principal events of the year, and for month before the day set apart markable; and yet it might have he was investigating, to witness it, out: 'Oh, Marie, the Professor has two sums and what I had besides I a month before the day set apart been only an accident—merely a val- as by a kind of second sight, enact- thrown himself out of the window!" was able to meet them. But now I for the festivities, the preparations ueless coincidence. Monsieur Pepin, ing itself before him—a habit to "And did you believe her?" asked am discovered and ruined. I can—are begun by damming up a hole in the detective, however, had his own which he owed a great deal of the counsel. success of his career in the detection The girl shrugged her shoulders give me, my dear wife. I will not feast. When the day arrives hun-"What," said he to himself, in a of crime, and one in which he im-

He immediately put himself in communication with the authorities, with the result that Madama Cham-And follow it he did, secretly and pre was arrested on the double ty?" of depraved tastes.

Madame Champre, it appeared, had When the day of her trial came, entertained a great liking. At and worn with grief or remorse to Champre's friends, in common with world knew it, that I would have toxicating the fish, which about the time of the so-called bur- a mere shadow of her former self, the crowd, felt that all was lost. glary this merchant was in financial had to be led into court supported The best that the most sanguine of on the arms of two officials. All them dared feebly to hope for was against her will, Madame Champre's ployes at the various zoological garverge of bankruptcy; when quite sud- eyes of the great crowd which a verdict of manslaughter. denly, but by what means nobody thronged the court room were turn- The prisoner herself was a touch- mystery of the burglary in the Rue "Now," thought Monsieur Pepin, in mere depraved curiosity speculat- from the stoniest bosom. ceedings.

preferred against her, she declared None knew how little better than he herself innocent, upon which counsel himself. rose to state the case for the pro-

secution. that none of the missing jewels or he had sent' several to the guillosecurities were sold in Paris; but tine, he bore a reputation for unwhat was more significant was the usual leniency - "the prisoner's fact that they were all sold in Ly- friend" he was called. Yet on this ons during the fortnight of Madame occasion his summing up was fact that in every instance they were pelled. sold by a lady whom certain witnesses present would identify as the man of the prisoner's standing accused.

mation the deceased requested his The opportunity presented itself dence, how powerless! window.

a cold shudder through the friends ed the court by crying out, in of the accused.

sale there, during the visit of the

paintings secreted beneath the floor turned, with a frown of displeasure. The letter led the Professor to sus- in her boudoir. There were seven

Then came the most sensational

up there again. The door was and papers I received \$45,000, and freely that he had at last fallen over

expressively.

"You did not believe her?" "I had my doubts."

The witness nodded.

"You had? Teli me why?" "Because she looked so frightened

when she saw me." "You mean that she looked guil-

"You thought from her look and "Yes, so I thought."

With that, as the complement of

ed upon her-some in pity and won- ing picture of blank despair, and des I- unveiled to the world. dering unbelief in her guilt; others might well have drawn tears of pity London Tit-Bits.

could pathos have against the evi-In a broken voice, to the charges dence he was powerless to rebut?

The judge was not, as we say in this country, a "hanging judge." On It was significant, he declared, the contrary, although in his time

He expressed his grief to see a wosuch an ignominous position; but dited with being quite exempt from staggering monkeys. An additional confirmation of this with greater warmth and at greater such depraved tastes. evidence was derived from another length he declared the abhorence

with amazement upon the following immediately communicated by letter men who held the destiny of their life, and the baboon leapt upon the astounding paragraph in his paper: his discovery to Dr. Champre. Up- fellow-creature in their hands re- counter, where it proceeded to drink

> They had found her guilty! useless to deny her guilt she con- great God above that I am innocent stroyed a number of costumes feat this intention, in order to save and with the ring of sinIerity in it, chaining it up. herself from such public disgrace. but as against the unrefuted evi-

wrath and grief, turned away and dame Champre heard the death sent- whisky, and sampled some of the went to the window. He leaned ence passed upon her. For a moover it, and - "ah, mad moment!- ment her lip quivered, and it seemed the wife rushes to him, and hurls that she would speak; but she clenchhim down to death to save her- ed her teeth and stood looking beself!" But she was seen, if not red- fore her with a rigid stare, like one handed in the very deed, she was who has just emerged from a great seen as she stepped back from the struggle and whose features are yet

At this pronouncement a murmur | The judge motioned to the warders of sensation ran through the court. to take her away, and she turned to Here was a new fact, and of the go. But at that moment her counmost startling nature, and it sent sel sprang to his feet, and astoundvoice full of emotion: "Stay! I will Witnesses from Lyons proved the not, I cannot, permit the sacrifice!" Then, addressing the judge, he

"Sir, pardon this irregularity, but quite positive in their identification I cannot maintain silence and see that jewels and securities to the Then the self-confident hunter of of the prisoner with the person from that noble woman go to a death she closing his eyes, fell to dreaming of jewels and securities; two others declare before you that Madame what to all probability had taken were not quite so sure, but were ra- Champre is innocent, and that if she place in that room on the fifth ther inclined to identify her as the will but speak, if she will but put the court in possession of a certain A police official deposed to having document, her innocence will be eswith a vividness as real almost as if searched the house in which the ac- tablished absolutely. I appeal to "I cannot acquit myself," she re-

"Then I must," said her counpect his wife of the theft. Not to of them, none of them very large; sel. "Sir, let the prisoner be she should prove innocent, he re-old opera cloak bearing Madame a confession, will be found upon her which will completely exonerate

> She struggled hard to retain the mysterious document and tried to destroy it, but a warder wrenched it a revolver. There lay the horse or just in time from her hands, and its side, kicking away in sheer good was read aloud, amid breathless silence on the part of the amazed auditors, an intense sensation prevail-

> "I have just received a letter," it ran, "from the detective, Jean Pep- was in, of Lyons, from which it is clear HOISTED OUT OF THE CELLAR that he has discovered the real author of the burglary at my residence ed pronounced the cause of its afflic in December, who is none other than tion to be a too sedulous devotion myself. Pressed for large sums of to intoxicating liquors. It turned money-never mind by whom or for out that the horse had acquired what purpose-I conceived the idea taste for liquor through the groon of the pretended burglary in order to having on one occasion given it meet my secret liabilities. The jew- wine to drink when it was overels and securities I sold through an worked. Having acquired the taste agent-never mind who-during our the depraved creature had got into stay in Lyons; the oil paintings I the habit of wandering downstairs concealed under the floor in your when thirsty, and successfully get boudoir, and broke open the safe, ting back again to the stable. Or \$50,000 in payment of my claim. To the Indians of Cherokee the

> changed tone; "why did you not tell "buckeying." This gets its name us of this confession? Is it possible from the fact that the leaves and that to shield your unhappy hus- branches of the buckeye tree are band's good name, you would have used, after having been previously braved death?"

died to do." And so it came to pass that, innocence was established, and the dens know that elephants under their

MOST UNUSUAL INSTANCES OF INTEMPERANCE.

Baboon on a Rampage-A Tipsy Eagle Captured in Scotland.

domestic animals and farmyard in- and ape. When a negro takes the habitants exhibiting reprehensible hand of one of them and leads him cravings for strong drink, but it is off a second monkey takes the hand not perhaps generally known that of the first, and so on, and it is no this sad habit has also at times uncommon sight for a single negre in afflicted other animals generally cre- to be seen carrying off a string of

One very remarkable case was that "Complete success has at length fact of the highest value—the fact which they must all in common feel of a drunken baboon. The animal rewarded my untiring efforts, mon- that the missing oil paintings were for the unspeakable baseness of the was a member of a menagerie per- mily have applied for space for a sieur. I have made the most sen- found concealed under the floor in crimes charged against her. The forming at a certain theatre, and one building at the World's Fair at St. sational discovery. I know who the Madame Champre's boudoir in the evidence the defence had been unable afternoon by some means or other Louis, to be the headquarters of the to rebut, and he was bound to say the animal got loose and invaded the members of that great family when conditions I will bury the secret That was as far as he would pro- that that evidence appeared to him stage. The keepers tried to catch visiting the Exposition. Some gen eternally in my bosom. Perhaps, ceed then with the evidence in sup- to be conclusive against the prison- the animal, but this only seemed to ius has calculated that there are er. Let the jury weigh it well, and make the creature angry, and it 14,000,000 Smiths in the world. ness to hasten to Lyons to confer Coming to the second, the terrible not suffer sentiment to override the rushed at its pursuers, seizing them with its great hands and throwing pect you the day after to-morrow." band to his death, his case was, in The jury retired to consult to- them about as if they were children. five cubic feet of gas per hour, use gether, and the hum of voices, full of Finally it dashed through the door up four times as much atmospherito his vaguely insinuating letter; Monsieur Jean Pepin having trac- suppressed excitement, filled the of the theatre and into the cafe ad- air as a human being consumes it but on the next evening his eyes fell ed the robbery to Madame Champre chamber. In twenty minutes the joining. The burner fled for his the same time.

whiskey, beer, brandy, and other liquors. It then hurled the bottler wife to go with him to a certain All eyes turned to where she stood at the mirrors, and at length rushed room on the top storey of the house, visibly struggling with some great back into the theatre with bottler presumably to save her the humilia- emotion-what, they little dreamed. under both arms and others grasped tion of exposure before the ser- 'I am innocent-that is all I can in each hand. These missiles, afvants. There he read Monsieur Pep- say," when she was at liberty to ter emptying the contents, the ape in's letter to her, and demanded an speak. "I cannot prove my inno- hurled in every direction, smashing explanation. Seeing that it was cence, yet I swear to you before the several windows. It further de fessed to the crime. Naturally, the of these terrible charges. I loved tearing them to bits, and for half an husband was angry, and no doubt my husband with all my heart. I hour the animal raged thus without threatened to put her away and to was proud to be his wife. I would hindrance, in a very evident state of disclose the facts to the police. It have died for him. I . . . I swear intoxication, until finally the keeper now became the wife's object to de- to you I am innocent." Touching, and his assistants succeeded in.

On one occasion a tipsy eagle was captured in the north of Scotland. when her husband, in his mingled Then the judge spoke, and Ma- It had alighted upon a barrel of contents until it became

> DECIDEDLY FUDDLED. When some one tried to capture it the bird made a comical show of drunken resistance, but was soon overcome.

Not long since a hedgehog in Glasgow set a shocking example to his steadier companions. Some beer was accidentally spilled on the floor; the hedgehog immediately found room for the greater part of the liquor, and then, after staggering about for a few minutes in a drunken state, fell lifeless to the floor. A spinewhat similar instance was the -case with a pet canary which was given a little brandy and water to, sip after an illness; it tasted one drop. and immediately set to and finished the lot. For several minutes it seemed to be trying to discover why the perch swayed to such an unusual extent, but after wrestling ineffectively with the problem for some time, gave it up and died.

A wine merchant of Villette was some time ago annoyed by thefts from his cellar, accompanied by senseless destruction. He also noticed that his horse was afflicted with a queer kind of staggers, but did not think of connecting the two phenomena. One night, however, hearing a noise in his cellar, which was under the stable, he went to investigate, armed with a lantern and flowed over the cellar floor. The animal was unable to get up, and it was only by the aid of some member of the nearest fire brigade that he

A veterinary surgeon who was call-

try to make excuses for myself. I de- dreds of men assemble, armed with serve the fate that has overtaken bows and arrows, and make for the But do not expose my shame; hole, which is simply alive with fish for your own sake let it not be of various sorts, when they have a known that I was a thief and a per-grand slaughter. Sometimes, howjurer. Good-bye, my dear wife. I ever, the fish are too lively and dart must put an end to myself. Your about too quickly to give the Inunworthy husband, Louis Champre." dians any time to take aim, and then "Madame," said the judge, in a they resort to a process known as crushed between stones so as to al-"Yes," was the quiet answer. "His low the sap to be easily dissolved by a cousin, a merchant, for whom she Madame Champre, pale and languid, all that had preceded, Madame good name—to preserve it as the the water. This has the effect of in-

ARE THEN EASILY CAUGHT. Managers of menageries and emcharge are prepared to go on a wild "orgie" whenever opportunity offers; their taste for intoxicants being cultivated by the whisky which is officially given them when they are ill or low, the quantity varying from five to ten gallons, according to the requirements of the case.

In Africa the negroes make use of a weakness for drink to capture monkeys, who are extremely fond of a certain kind of beer brewed by the natives. The men place quantities of the liquor within easy reach of the monkeys, and wait until their victims are utterly befuddled. In this state they are unable to recog-Instances have been recorded of nize the difference between negro

THE SMITH FAMILY.

Representatives of the Smith fa-

An ordinary gas-jet, consuming