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# John Ainsley, Master Thief

## Arthur Somers Roche

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**BEGIN HERE TODAY**

John Ainsley, a man of education and breeding, becomes a master crook—praying upon other thieves. His first venture into theft was the expensive diamond necklace of a Fifth Ave. jeweler. Now in a resort hotel, Ainsley is recovering the strength which he lost in months of near-starvation before he turned to dishonesty. At the hotel he is the only one who has not lost his money. He is the only one who has not lost his money. He is the only one who has not lost his money.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY**

He was not loath to do so, and I learned that the jewel had a history. It had been owned by a Russian grand duke who had fled to Italy when Kerenski came into power. He had disposed of it to an American millionaire by the name of Adams, who had died shortly afterward, leaving his affairs much involved.

But next morning, starting for the second fairway, where the professional was awaiting me to correct a nasty error that long absence from the game had produced in my drive, I came upon the Kerenski and Vantine in the hole. They were dressed for travel, and porters were laden with bags. I stepped beside them.

"I live at Greenwich, Mr. Ainsley," said Kerenski. "In a few weeks the season around the world is in good condition. If you're in New York, I'll be glad to see you."

And the next day, I, too, left Pinehurst. Two evenings later I was in Boston, and twenty-four hours after that I arrived in New York. I had read and digested the newspaper files of the life and death of the Henry Adams, whose wife I had surrendered the great ruby to Benjamin Kerenski. For you see, when I make up my mind, I am very much in earnest.

I had read of supercrooks; I had seen them in the flesh, and almost under my eyes had witnessed the making of the possession of which had made me a supercrook. I had had my own share of the so-called supercrooks, but I had never seen one who had made more money than I had. I had had my own share of the so-called supercrooks, but I had never seen one who had made more money than I had.



A Fair Canadian  
 Alvin Pacaud, noted film star, the daughter of the assistant high commissioner for Canada in London.

### The Years Before School

By Mrs. Nestor Noel

One day I was on a visit with my four-year-old daughter. There were no other children in the house, and she was getting lonely.

"I could not wear such a ring," she said. "I am a simple countrywoman, Mr. Ainsley, and never wanted to be a lady. And Henry, my husband, was a copyman. In search of a living, Henry came to Boston when he was a boy; he always hoped to save enough to buy a farm. You know how these things are. By the time Henry was ten, he was in business."

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**Can't Explain It**

Cape Town.—White people were admitted to the Hindu temple at Durban for the first time to watch the fire-walking ceremony which has just been held there.

### Seek Mine Riches With Aeroplanes

Method in Vogue this Spring Saves Weeks of Time for Prospectors

### NEW IDEAS WORKING

Hudson Bay Country North of The Pas New Eldorado

Winnipeg—Prospecting by aeroplane has passed the experimental stage and is now at the point where it is by way of becoming a big business operation.

Just now prospectors are being sent into the north in large numbers by the Hudson Bay company for a trial run. In fact, this summer, prospecting will actually be done by planes, that is, pictures will be made from the air, developed, and prospectors seeking at points selected from the aeroplanes with their camp equipment and supplies.

Where a grab stake in the old days of development in the Cobalt, British Columbia and California meant a meagre supply of beans, bacon and flour, the prospectors being grab staked in the Hudson Bay Country, have a selection of food that might be called a first class case of goods.

But, the prospector must know more than his counterpart of old. The "desert rat" and the "mountain yag" that masqueraded as a prospector in the old days has no part in the work of the modern grab stake today. Most of them are cable engineers, chemists and able to construct a passable report from an old bottle and a few pots.

One thing is certain, the Hudson Bay mining region will be more rapidly and more thoroughly explored in a year than most other mining sections of the world have received in the past fifty years.

**Romance on C.P.R. Route**

The Canadian spring had early influence upon Andrea Hanson, 21, and Nell Christian Nielsen, 21, handsome young Danish immigrant couple who, on arriving at Winnipeg, decided to marry and, with the assistance of the Canadian Pacific Railway Colonization Department officials, did so forthwith.

They had known each other in their homeland, Denmark, for many years and had even been betrothed, but on departing for Canada they had harboured no romantic thoughts of marriage. Travelling as strangers in a strange land, they met and found happiness in each other's company during the journey, and further discovered their destination to be close together.

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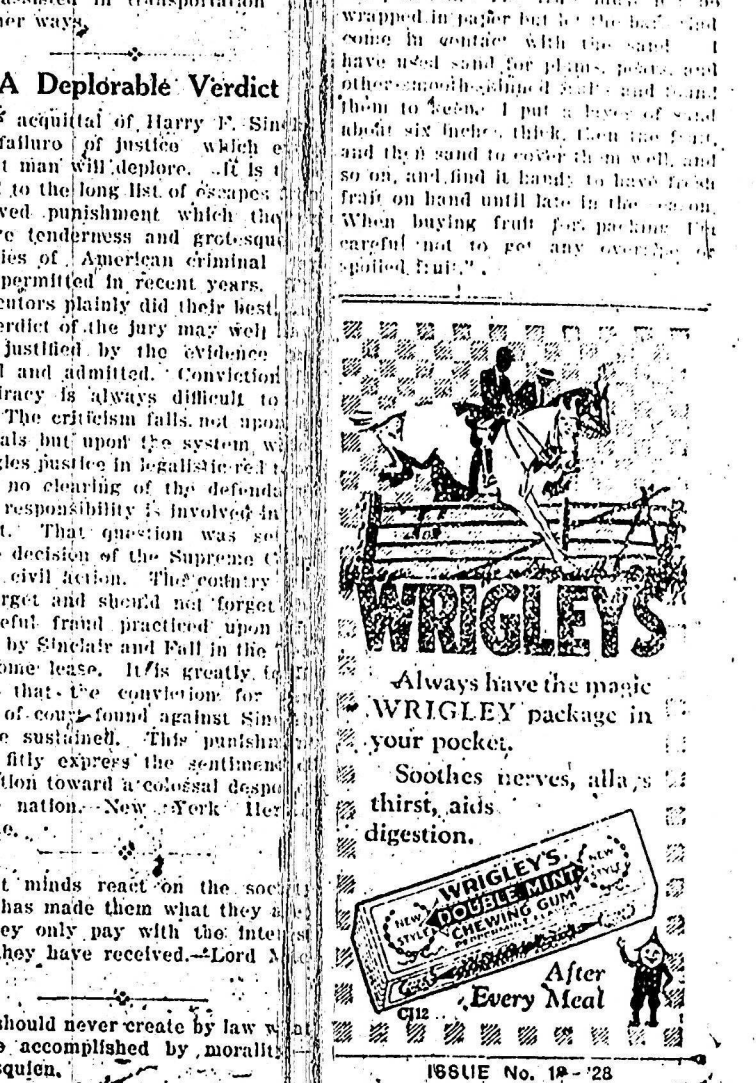
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