

John Ainsley Master Thief Arthur Somers Roche

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John Ainsley, a man of education and breeding, becomes a master crook by proxy upon other thieves. Posing as a millionaire, he goes to the estate of a wealthy retired broker, Kernechan, to steal a large ruby ring belonging to Kernechan's daughter, who is engaged to Ernest Vantine, chief of a detective agency.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Vantine smirked. "I am dealing with a desperate criminal, Alice. But Ainsley is dealing with a detective of some reputation. Would an animal, as during his man, leave this house without the object for which he has asked his liberty? Certainly not. Look at his face. The ring is somewhere in this room; he picked it up."

"Oh, and this farce?" I cried. I stretched my hands wide. The girl was seated in a chair. She wore an elaborate costume, piled high upon her head. In the depression above her hair, her only attractive possession. I placed the Grand Duke's ring. My hands were quivering. My eyes were fixed upon the girl. I dropped closer to Vantine, saying: "Search me!"

"Twenty minutes later I was dressed again. Mr. Kernechan had returned. He had sat down again in the chair. I had picked the ring from her hair and it was now in my pocket. I was an amateur, but I knew it. I was an amateur, but I knew it. I was an amateur, but I knew it.

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ruby had cost me money, instead of showing me a profit. Yet if by that gentle I was lighter in my pocket, it was all right in my heart, thinking of Mrs. Adams, as I sailed the following week for Europe.

"(To be continued.)"

"Don't be absurd, Ernest," said Mrs. Kernechan, petulantly. "The coffee was just brought in. I chose the one nearest me. And before I could get to my lips, Vantine's fingers gripped my wrist. "So, that's where you hid it!" he cried.

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French Taxes For 4 Months \$31,440,000 Over Estimate

Paris—During the first four months of this year, France's tax returns have exceeded budget estimates by \$31,440,000. Indirect taxation has yielded 2,250,000 francs and direct taxation 500,000,000 francs.

Sweet Scents

The old-fashioned, sweet-smelling flowers hold a place in the hearts of real garden lovers that is unattainable by the brilliant-hued scented blooms such as zinnias, petunias, calceolarias, penstemons, anemones, etc., which are grown with such zest now and which undoubtedly are more or less indispensable by reason of their bright coloring and their prolonged flowering season.

However, bright coloring and a prolonged flowering season need not hold sway to the exclusion of all else, and with a little care it is possible to include many sweet-scented flowers without detracting from the decorative effects of beds and borders.

Modern roses, for instance, with their unquestioned perfection of shape and coloring, in general have undoubtedly lost the fragrance associated with the rose for hundreds of years, but some are as richly perfumed as the old-fashioned cabbage roses, for example, the deeply scented clove-scented rose of the Chateau de Clos Vougeot, and General McArthur, and many others.

When possible, sweet-scented flowers should always be grown near the house, so that their fragrance may be wafted in at the open windows. Roses, honeysuckle and white jasmine may be trained up walls, and over the porch, and when a bed of flowers is available a lavender hedge, and an edging of pink-wild wallflowers, Jonquils and pleasant-eye narcissus for spring flowering, followed by stocks in shades of rose pink, purple and lavender, will prove a delight the whole summer through.

No garden is really complete without the fragrant sweet pea, and when lack of space forbids a sweet pea hedge, they are most decorative when grown in big clumps in the herbaceous border, either in mixed colors or in a combination of shades which harmonize particularly well.

To insure a succession of bloom in a herbaceous border, it is of course necessary to grow many flowers with different flowering periods. Sweet peas, such as centauria (sweet sultan), carnations, evening primrose (mother's), sweet williams, lily-of-the-valley, tall madonna lilies, old-world bergamot, and, therefore, it is an excellent plan to put night-scented stock (mathiola), mignonette, etc., between the clumps of early spring-flowering perennials in early summer.

"Hot Water" Makes the Man

Warm Water Turns Female Frogs to Males

Lady frog tadpoles turn into males when they are kept in hot water long, according to experiments made by Emil Wisnet of the University of Iowa, we are told in Science News, the Daily Science News Bulletin, Washington. We read:

"Reporting his researches before a meeting of the American Association of Anatomists at Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mr. Wisnet stated that he grew two sets of tadpoles from the egg stage until the differentiation into sexes began to be evident. In one set, in which the temperature of the water had been increased approximately six degrees Fahrenheit, the tadpoles were five weeks old. The sex glands of the females in this set gradually assumed a masculine character, and the frogs emerged as males."

National Monuments

Quebec Evénement (Cons.): The citizens of Halifax subscribed \$100,000 to preserve the Citadel from ruin. At the moment when Mr. King is proposing to spend millions on the beautification of the capital, we think it peculiarly opportune to remind him that the history of the country did not begin in 1921, and that there were noble exploits accomplished in Canada before he acquired his honors. What reason is there to beautify the capital, when the relics of a glorious past are falling into ruin in the country towns like Halifax, Kingston and Quebec? Very fortunately for us, the Government at last recognizes that it is necessary to restore the fortifications of Quebec. Let us hope that similar action will soon be taken in the historic towns of the English-speaking provinces.

Immigration

Ottawa Daily (Ind. Lib.): The millions spent on increasing the Canadian population by means of immigration have been spent in vain. More than that, they have been spent to the detriment of the country itself, since this intense immigration has caused the departure to the United States of a portion of our Canadian population.

Texan to Lasso Mexican Lions For Scientists

Brothers Gain Reputation Along Rio For Success in Taking Beasts Alive

Raymondville, Tex.—Hunting Mexican lions, or panthers, as they are called by most Mexicans of the central region of south Texas, is dangerous sport and more especially so when the daring method of capturing the animals alive is attempted.

Bob Snow, of Raymondville, who is widely known for his expertise in roping those denizens of the wilderness, has been selected as professional hunter for the expedition which the Denver Museum soon is to send into Mexico for the purpose of obtaining as many specimens as possible of panthers and other wild animals peculiar to that country. A. C. Rogers, curator of the museum and a representative of the Smithsonian Institution, also will accompany the party.

But for the fact that a variety of animals besides the panther are to be sought by the expedition, the hunting would be done in the vicinity of Raymondville, which is notorious for being the habitat of more panthers than any other part of the lower Rio Grande border.

MEXICAN ROPERS TO ASSIST Snow will take with him two or three Mexicans who are well trained in the use of the lasso. It is dangerous business for one person to attempt to handle a panther by means of a rope, Snow said. On his trips into the wilds he usually is accompanied by his brother, Sheriff Luther De Snow, of Wilkey County, who is likewise widely known for his success in trailing and capturing alive the ferocious beasts.

Occasionally the Snow brothers serve as guides for sportsmen, who visit this region in search of excitement. Only recently they accompanied R. Bona Ridgeway and John Coffey into the heart of the panther country. They took with them a pack of eight hounds and a fox terrier. It was an exciting experience from start to finish and as a result of the chase they brought back to Raymondville two live panthers. The first panther was brought to bay in a tree after a long chase.

NARROW ESCAPE RELATED "When we came to the spot the animal was standing on a limb about twenty feet from the ground," Ridgeway said in describing the incident. "Luther Snow climbed up a prong of the tree something like ten feet above the ground, and with part of the fifty-foot rope, which he had fixed with a loop and knot so that it would not choke the lion when tightened about the animal's neck, he began his efforts to rope it."

"He was in an awkward position and missed his first throw. The lion was not used to such procedure and turned its fury from the dogs toward this new attack. We on the ground held our breath in suspense in a tense moment when the cat growled and Luther said: 'Look out, boys.' If she jumps I'll fall on backward.' We were much relieved when the lion seemed to abandon the idea. On the next throw the lion caught the rope about its mouth and held it a while and then released it. Finally the rope went around its neck and was tight. The dog boys could not see the lion when she hit the ground because of the dense brush, but we knew from the excited yells of the Snow brothers just what had happened. The noise had slipped off and the lion was free.

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Baldwin Talks on Amateur Writers

Amusing Remarks at Luncheon of Institute of Journalists

London.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, in an amusing speech at a luncheon given by the Institute of Journalists to Viscount Burnham, a former president of the Savoy Hotel, Strand, said:

"I am a sexagenarian. My colleagues are popular and in request. I have never yet had a single offer of any kind to make any contribution on any subject to the press."

"I am not of a job-loving nature. Sometimes I am not referring to Lord Birkenhead when I read what has been solicited and rewarded by what seems to be a remuneration of full value. I cannot help feeling that if I tried, and my friends were patient with me, I might produce what might be worth, if not a penny a line, at least a penny a mile."

"I could write quite an interesting history of the fall of the Coalition and, as other people have given their views about me, I might have some views about others."

"I cannot tell whether they have any money value. I am but a simple man, but I beg you to think over and take to some other form of work. I should like to feel that at any rate there is one kind-hearted man, who out of pity or whatever motive there might have been, did once make an offer to see my name with my own stuff over it, and I beg stress on that."

Laughter. Lord Birkenhead, speaking later, said: "Those who have undergone a long apprenticeship to journalism as Lord Burnham and I have done—laughter—do not invite, and propose by every legitimate means in our power to resist the inclusion of sexagenarian amateurs."

Mr. Baldwin, in Parliament last week, when questioned about the journalistic activities of Lord Birkenhead and Mr. Churchill, said that Lord Birkenhead had been guilty of an "error of judgment" in writing while a Minister a recent article on "Women in Politics" for "Good Housekeeping."

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Touring

Whenever you put your car away for the night in a strange garage, look at the floor under it. The chances are you'll find puddles of oil and water there. If you didn't discover them until the next morning, you might think your engine had been leaking its vital contents.

It's not a bad idea, either, to make a note of your oil level when you put the car to bed away from home. Any one who happens to see you taking down the figures may be discouraged from borrowing it for a joy ride during the night. If the car is taken out, you'll know it when you check up in the morning.

Don't let garage men push your car around by applying their energy to the headlights. Lamps are easily loosened in this way, or bent out of adjustment.

Let's better to leave your car parked with the front wheels pointed out than in toward the curb. Parked cars are sometimes bumped by passing vehicles. If the wheels are pointed in, the car may run up on the sidewalk as the bumper goes by. If the wheels are pointed out, the car will roll away from the curb and into the passing vehicle.

When running at high speed, it's a good thing to remove the foot from the accelerator from time to time. The throttle is then closed and the air is sucked up past the pistons. This helps to prevent overheating the cylinders. Get into the car and get to the country club for a round of golf is a popular proceeding these days, but watch out for golf shoes with extra wide soles. Be especially careful of the extra wide sole, rather close to the heel, with a very wide sole, and a driver is liable to slip on the grass.

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