

# Hotels Robbed of Millions Every Year "Just for Souvenirs"

## The Fashionable Women an Export Thief of Silver and Chinaware

Scarcely less prevalent than the practice of filching small articles at department stores is this craze which impels women of wealth and culture to rob hotel tables.

In the former case women of all classes are the culprits. Not so the hotel thieftomaniacs; they belong almost without exception to the wealthy and cultured circles. This is what makes their case so remarkable.

Apparently they do not know that they are thieves; or, more properly, perhaps, do not admit it. They regard it as a refined form of sky-larking. So far from hiding their spots, as the common pilferers, they proudly display them to their friends. Women sit with one another in the bulk and coziness of their "collections"—they never call it "swag." One member of New York society has a room in her home decorated with china, silver and linen articles taken from a thousand hotel tables.

That is one room to which guests at her magnificent Fifth avenue mansion are always escorted during their call, and which they usually admire most of all. From blue, pink and white ribbon boxes on the wall hang little silver spoons of men, many designed by two alike, pendant from other ribbons and fasteners, or resting in trays and on shelves are dainty forks, knives and napkins in silver table implements, such as nut ricks, pickle tongs and sugar tongs, in costly china closets (no, these are not parts of the loot) and on shelves and brackets repose dozens upon dozens of pieces of chinaware, ranging in size from a demitasse cup to a sugar bowl, pilfered from hotel tables, and on tables and shelves instead of dollars are fancy napkins decorated with dozens of names written in pencil and ink—the guests at table had in each instance appended their autographs while dining.

In one instance, this woman, on a banter, even stripped the table cloth from a small table and took it away. Of course she was seen, but her party had spent over a hundred dollars for that dinner, and she knew she could "get away with it."

**A Type Of "Souvenir Women."**

She is a representative type of hotel souvenir women.

"How much do you lose this way in a year?" was asked of the hotel man, who stood quietly watching the two women guests who had lifted a spoon and cup from the table.

"He is a kindly old man and has been running that palatial hotel—has contains a thousand rooms and has one of the finest dining rooms in the country—for thirty years. His hair is almost snow white. He has a souvenir hunter helped to bring on their white hairs? You couldn't help wondering as you heard him sigh and see his weary smile of resignation as he talked.

"Oh, I dread to count it up," he said. He remained thoughtful, looking at the laughing women over at that table for a minute or two. "It doesn't look so big by the day, but when you come to count it up for a year it becomes a terrific drain on our profits. For instance, it doesn't look serious to say that we have on an average three napkins taken from this big dining room each day, but when you consider that these napkins are worth \$3 a dozen, and multiply

**A TORONTO MAN TRIES**

Something New and is Delighted Feels Like a Boy.

M. N. DAFOR, manager of the Duffell Brush Co., 29 Colborne street, Toronto, is telling his friends how he found health after years of illness and pain. He says: "I have been a great sufferer from dyspepsia for many years. I have been treated by local doctors and have taken nearly all the advertised remedies with only temporary relief. If any at all, but since using Anti-Pill I can eat anything the same as when a boy. I have been taking one Anti-Pill at bedtime for the past three months, and find they regulate both stomach and bowels. My old-time vigor has returned, so that my spirits are buoyant and temper normal. As a result of this wonderful experience, I am in duty bound to give all credit to this wonderful remedy, Anti-Pill."

Every druggist sells Dr. Leonard's Anti-Pill, or a sample will be sent free by The Wilson-Pyle Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont. Write for it.

The remedy that cured Mr. Daffor is completely and surely worth a trial. 502



Coffee Spoons, Ice Cream and Oyster Forks and Other Silver Stolen by Women Cost One Hotel \$10,000 a Year



They even Carry Off Plates and Other Chinaware Under their Cloaks



Another Hotel Loses 200 Ash Trays Worth \$1 Each Every Year

that by 365 days, you see that it means \$722 a year.

"Remember, there are days when nothing, so far as we know, is stolen, then there comes, we'll say, a big dinner with women guests, and we find a shortage of a hundred or more articles next morning. Then there are days when our transient guests, all seen to get the souvenir craze. So we can only get at it by taking averages based on my lone experience."

And this is the list he made out after much figuring:

Napkins (three a day, at 60 cents)	\$122.00
Demitasse cups (six a day, at \$1.00)	2,100.00
Spoons for demitasse cups (twelve a day, at \$1.2 a dozen)	4,380.00
Butter side dishes (six a day, at 25 cents)	547.50
Salt cellars (100 a year, at 75 cents)	75.00
Silver articles (knives, forks, tongs, etc.)	400.00
Total value of thefts for a year	\$8,845.50

"The stuff is going all the time," said the hotel man, sadly. "And you'd be surprised at the class of people who take them. None of your common kind. Why, the women who are worth millions are the worst. They have to deal with. The arrogance of them is something awful. Usually they get the things by stealth, but often they do it openly, as though these didn't care who knew."

"The travelling public is peculiar," and the hotel man again heaved a deep sigh. "You must handle them with white kid gloves. The majority of them think—or pretend to—that they are being robbed by the hotel people and that they may retaliate by taking things that don't belong to them. Yes, I believe there is a class of persons who take things, not for souvenirs, but simply for their intrinsic value.

"The souvenir cranks aren't all bad. Very often they ask for some article as a souvenir—openly admitting that they return home that they have stolen at a high-class hotel. We always accede to such requests."

"Again, there are people who offer to buy spoons or cups as souvenirs. Usually this is the case when the woman is accompanied by a male escort who appreciates the depth of honor involved. In these instances, too, we present the ladies with the compliments of the hotel."

"So it would appear that honesty is the best policy in a hotel dining room."

"When asked whether the total figure adduced by him might not be a high estimate, he replied: "Why, our china bill alone is \$12,000 a year. To be sure, a great deal of it is broken, and it is impossible to say how much is pilfered."

"Another manner in which dining-room articles are missed is in sending meals to rooms," he said. "In this case guests often appear to think that if an article or two were missing when the tray was returned it would not be noticed. Of course it is, almost always. Every article taken to a room with a meal is kept track of by the waiter. But we never say anything—just let it go. It surprises you to know of some large things that have been

taken. One woman actually walked in to our parlor in broad daylight—a wealthy one she was, too—and took a \$75 clock from the shelf and walked away with it. We never got trace of her again.

**Art China Stolen.**

"Another time some art priced open the door of a china closet in the parlor and stole a set of art cups and saucers valued at \$125."

"Have you ever had any one arrested for stealing things from your hotel?"

"No, nor even reprimanded any one, except once. On this occasion there was a party of four at a table—three women and a man. After the meal the man amused himself by handling small articles of china and silverware around to his friends, and wound up by stuffing his own pockets. He was putting in his coat pocket when I arrived, and, under threat of arrest, compelled the party to disgorge."

"The manager of a still larger hotel estimated the thefts from his hotel tables in a year as follows:

Coffee spoons (3,000 a year, at \$1.25 each)	\$3,750.00
Ice cream forks (2,000 a year, at \$1 each)	2,000.00
Tongs and other silver articles (200 a year, at \$1 each)	200.00
China cups, saucers, butter plates, etc. (1,000 a year, at \$1.25 each)	1,250.00
Total for the year	\$9,250.00

Of five other hotels consulted in one city the estimates were, respectively, \$5,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,500. And it is estimated that all the other hotels and restaurants in the city combined lost at least \$19,000 in the same manner. This makes a total for the city of \$59,000.50.

It appeared from the estimates of the different hotels that each has its own special designs of articles which are especially attractive, and this makes a difference in the figures. For instance, one hotel has a very pretty demitasse cup and spoon, made exclusively for it, and bearing the monogram of the house. These articles seem to be the lodestone there. Women are unable to resist them.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Not long ago two women entered a fashionable hotel and sat side by side. During the meal a waiter, observed one of them placing a spoon in the back of the other's dress, leaving enough sticking out of the fold to insure detection.

While the act was noticed, the women were permitted to depart untroubled. Whether the spoon had been found humiliated the one who had been victimized, is not known.

"The motive?" repeated the hotel man who told of the incident. "Jealousy, of course, what would you suppose?"

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of the largest cities from hotel table thefts are: New York, \$150,000; Washington, \$125,000; Chicago, \$100,000; Philadelphia, \$50,000; Boston, 740,000; Baltimore, \$40,000.

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"When I was first troubled with indigestion I did not bother with it, I thought it would pass away naturally. But instead of doing so it developed into a painful chronic affection, which in spite of all I did grow worse and worse until I had abandoned all hopes of ever getting relief. These words of Mrs. Charles McKay, of Norwood, N. S., should serve as a warning to all who suffer distress after meals, with palpitation, drowsiness and loss of appetite—early warning of more serious trouble to follow.

"I used to rise in the morning," said Mrs. McKay, "feeling no better for a night's rest. I could not get up and after even the most frugal meal I always suffered severe pains in my stomach, and I was never free from sharp piercing pains in the back and chest. I grew so bad that I had to limit my diet to milk and soda water, and even this caused severe suffering. I had sought relief—all medicines I took seemed useless. But in the dark of one hour of my suffering help came. While reading a newspaper I came across a cure that was quite similar to my own case, wrought by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I thought if another person had been cured by these pills of such suffering as I was experiencing, surely there was hope for me, and I at once sent to the druggist for a supply of these pills. The first indication that these pills were helping me was the disappearance of the feeling of oppression. Then I began to take solid food with but little feeling of distress—I still continued taking the pills with an improvement every day, until I could digest all kinds of food without the least trouble or distress. I am in splendid health today and all the credit is due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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**A YANKEE BATTLESHIP**

To Rival the Dreadnaught Will Be Built.

Detroit News.

Plans have been submitted to the secretary of the navy for the new battleship recently authorized by congress, which is to be about equal in power and size to the great English sea-fighter Dreadnaught, the biggest battleship afloat.

Since the launching of Great Britain's mammoth boat, much interest has been manifested as to the strength of her guns. The Dreadnaught carries a broadside which, for combined force, has never been approached in modern warfare, and recent tests have shown some unheard of things concerning its power.

The guns of the United States battleship that will be modelled something on the lines of the Dreadnaught, will be even more powerful, which means they will represent the most tremendous force ever conceived and carried out by human beings. For instance, a shell fired from one of the new guns, if it should maintain its muzzle velocity for three days and one-half, would reach the moon and go through it.

As to the combined strength of all the guns when fired in broadside, the figures are almost incomprehensible. Tests and calculations have shown, however, that such a broadside would strike a blow compared to which the falling of half a dozen skyscrapers on a pedestrian along Broadway would be a love pat.

Therefore the announcement that Uncle Sam is going to construct such a ship is of great interest to all Americans. In tomorrow's Sunday World the story of what these dreadful guns of the Dreadnaught can do will give every Yankee a thrill when he realizes that in a little while we shall be able to look on their work with a smile of satisfaction that our boat can go still better.

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