

STEALING IN STORES.

The Ingenuity That Is Shown by the Woman Thief.

TRICKS OF THE SHOPLIFTER.

The Satchel With a False Bottom and the Slit in the Dress Near the Belt. Some Schemes Successful Because of Their Very Simplicity.

As numerous as they are ingenious are the tricks of the modern shoplifters, declare store detectives. It keeps the detectives busy to "get on" to the devices of the men and women who live by their wits in stealing from stores. For tricks that are canny few classes of criminals, it is said, approach them.

The method of stealing by using the satchel with a false bottom is one of the cleverest of the tricks.

Well disguised, the shoplifter enters a store. Her eyes run over the counters. She perceives the object she wants—usually something small and valuable, sometimes a purse a customer has left lying on the counter.

Over the object the shoplifter places her satchel. Pretending to delve into the satchel to extract a purse or handkerchief, the thief lifts a false bottom in the bag, reaches under it, draws inside the desired article, adjusts the false bottom, closes the satchel and walks away.

"But this is only one of many clever ruses employed," declared a detective the other day. "The women especially are ingenious. Their dress, of course, helps them.

"One of the methods of stealing is for the shoplifter to have a slit in her dress near the belt. As she stands near the counter she can deftly seize the article desired, be it a piece of lace or costly fabric or a bit of jewelry, and slip it into the skirt. The folds of the skirt are voluminous and conceal the thing stolen.

"Some tricks are successful because of their simplicity. A fashionably dressed woman may walk into the clothing department, look over coat suits, pick up one, fold it neatly up, place it under her coat and walk away.

"If she is detected she will indignantly declare that she bought the suit some time before and that she has brought it back to be altered.

"Or a woman, her hands glittering with rings and dressed in the latest style, may walk into the store some winter day. She wears only a rich coat of dark fabric.

"In the coat department she will ask to see some fur lined coats. Oh, she is very particular and tries on one after another. Other customers come up, and the saleslady gets busy with them while madam is trying to suit herself.

"While the saleslady is turned she puts on one of the richest sable trimmed coats, turns on her heel and walks away. Perhaps the salesgirl may not notice the loss until there is an account of stock.

"Each month from fifty to sixty arrests are made in the average large department store. The detectives must be extremely careful, for a false charge would precipitate a suit for damages, which would mean many thousands.

"Certain departments hold especial lures for shoplifters. The jewelry department is invariably guarded. When the furs come in we have sleuths who keep their eyes open for the woman who likes to take a fur to the window to examine it, then running for the door; the woman with the false skirt and the woman who puts a fur on and audaciously walks away."

Although the sales departments and the detective departments work together, there exists between them a spirit of justifiable rivalry. If a detective perceives some one getting away with goods it casts discredit on the person behind the counter from which the goods were stolen. Therefore the sales folk keep an alert watch for shoplifters.

One might imagine that goods are dumped pell-mell on the counters of the big stores. As a matter of fact, the efficient saleslady will have everything so arranged that she will notice the disappearance of an article almost immediately.

If a saleswoman suspects a person who immediately notifies the head detective. If it is a woman, a woman detective is usually put on the job. It is said store managers usually find women more efficient than men.

Few arrests are ever made in the stores, as an arrest gives only undesirable publicity. The detective usually follows suspected persons from the store and arrests him or her outside.

It is said that arrests for shoplifting in New York exceed 3,000 a year. In that city a full description of all shoplifters caught are sent to the Retail Dry Goods Association, which in turn distributes the information to the various members.

Only by constant action and with highly organized squads of detectives

can the stores cope with the ingenious shoplifters.

The detective system of the big stores, however, is now so perfect that it is dangerous to attempt shoplifting. Even the cleverest shoplifter faces a long jail term in the pursuit of her nefarious work.

More than that, if a shoplifter for any reason should escape paying the penalty of crime in one city she may not be so fortunate in another. Descriptions of all suspected persons are sent out broadcast, and arrest in another city may mean a jail term, even though the thief may have escaped punishment previously. — Philadelphia North American.

The Key Under the Door.

"It is customary for the back door key to be put halfway under the door so that I can reach it when coming off duty late at night," remarked an artist to a London Tit-Bits writer. "The other morning at breakfast my landlady said to me, 'Do you know, I had an awful fright last night. I put the key halfway under the door, as usual, when, to my horror, I saw it drawn slowly out of sight. I of course thought some one had got the key and would unlock the door and come in, so I quickly bolted it and shouted through the keyhole, 'My word, if you don't bring that key back!' Not daring to retire to rest, I sat quietly listening for a time. Then I got a table knife and pushed it under the door to see if the key had really been taken right away and to my surprise drew the key back again. So, very cautiously, I unlocked and unbolted the door, looked out and found not a burglar, but our own wicked cat, who, while sitting on the doorstep and seeing the key pushed under the door, must have drawn the key out of sight with her paws, thinking I was playing with her."

An American Joke From England.

The typical American, says a contributor to the English Illustrated Magazine, although partial to making jokes, is often quick tempered and unable to recognize a joke made by another, with results that are sometimes unpleasant.

Thus, a senator was once at a fashionable dinner party at Washington when he was asked what fish he would take.

"Waal," he said, "I reckon I'll take plaice."

A wit who chanced to be present remarked, with a twinkle in his eye, "Ah, senator, still a place seeker?"

"Yaas," answered the senator, at the same time whipping out a revolver and shooting the wit dead, "but what's that to you, you dern'd stranger?"

Afterward, when the joke was explained to him, the senator confessed that he had acted rather hastily, and to show that he bore no grudge he went to the funeral of the inopportune wit.

A Queen Elizabeth Joke.

Queen Elizabeth liked her jokes, and, although her pleasantries were of a less sanguinary turn than her father's, she must have been even more formidable than usual when disposed to be frolicsome. A tale may be found in one of Lord Essex's letters with regard to a new dress belonging to one of her maids of honor, over the possession of which the owner had been rash enough to exhibit some elevation. The young lady, it seems, was several inches taller than her majesty, hardly perhaps quite a nice or loyal thing to be. Having desired that the dress should be made over to her custody, the queen, first carefully selecting an extremely wet day, was pleased to put it on and trail it for yards behind her in the mud, the owner of the humiliated garment having to appear as delighted with the royal fun and condescension as the rest of the lookers-on.—London Tatler.

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The Sixteenth Century Carver.

At the formal banquet of the sixteenth century the man who carved the meat was bound with the red tape of precedent. When carving for distinguished guests he had to remember that certain parts of the birds or meat must be set aside. In carving for his lord and lady he was expected to exercise great discretion in the size of the pieces he sent round, "for ladies will be soon angry and their thoughts soon changed, and some lords are soon pleased and some not, as they be of complexion." He was expected to have the rules both of the kitchen and the postrage at his knife's end. A pike, for instance, must be dished up whole for a lord and in slices for commoner folk. The rank of his diners, too, determined whether a pig was to be served up whole, sliced plain or with gold leaf or whether new bread or bread three days old should be eaten.

If its worth more to someone else than to you—no matter what it is—a want ad will be a good investment.

BILL FOR DIVORCE.

In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Alachua County, Florida.—In Chancery. Minnie Maine vs. W. G. Maine—Order Publication, Bill for Divorce.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that W. G. Maine, the defendant therein named, is a non-resident of the State of Florida, but is a resident of Westerly Rhode Island that there is no person in this State the service of a subpoena upon whom would bind said defendant, and that he is over the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered that said non-resident defendant be and he is hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 4th day of October, A. D. 1909, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said defendant. It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Gainesville Sun, a newspaper published in said county and State. This August 17th, 1909. A true copy of original. (Seal) S. H. WIENGES, Clerk Circuit Court. By M. S. CHEVRS, D. C. J. A. WILLIAMS, Solicitor for Complainant.

BILL FOR DIVORCE.

In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Alachua County, Florida.—In Chancery.—Susie Lee Weir vs. Miller Boyd Weir—Bill for Divorce, Order Publication.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that Miller Boyd Weir, the defendant therein named, is a non-resident of the State of Florida, but was a resident of Americus, Georgia, when she last knew his whereabouts, and he is over the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered that said non-resident defendant be and he is hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 4th day of October, A. D. 1909, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said defendant. It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Gainesville Sun, a newspaper published in said county and State. This August 17th, 1909. A true copy of original. (Seal) S. H. WIENGES, Clerk Circuit Court. CARTER & LAYTON, Sol'rs for Compl't.

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In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Alachua County, Florida.—In Chancery.—Susie Brown vs. William Brown—Order Publication, Bill for Divorce.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that William Brown, the defendant therein named, is a resident of the State of Florida, and that he has been absent more than 30 days next preceding this application for an order of publication, and that he is concealing himself so that service of process cannot be made upon him and that there is no person in the State of Florida the service of a subpoena on whom would bind said defendant, and is over the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered that said non-resident defendant be and he is hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 4th day of October, A. D. 1909, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said defendant. It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Gainesville Sun, a newspaper published in said county and State. This August 24th, 1909. A true copy. (Seal) S. H. WIENGES, Clerk Circuit Court. By M. S. CHEVRS, D. C. H. G. MASON, Solicitor for Complainant.

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