

STORIES OF THE SECRET SERVICE

Capt. Patrick D. Tyrrell

THE LINCOLN TOMB ROBBERS

Being an Account of the Attempted Desecration of the Grave of the Martyr President at Springfield in 1876 and the Capture and Conviction of a Gang of Counterfeiters That Preceded It.

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PART I

In October, 1876, the United States and Europe were startled by the attempt of a band of Illinois criminals to steal the body of Abraham Lincoln, bury it in the shifting sand dunes of northern Indiana and have its recovery effected through the agency of a convict then in the Joliet penitentiary.

the United States and Driggs is the most extensive dealer in "coney" money in the country.

"Are they as important as that?" I asked. "Yes," answered Chief Washburn, "they are the most important 'coney' men in existence to-day. We know nothing about them except that Boyd and Driggs are their right names.

My chief gave me such information as he himself had said—and returned to Washington. There may be men who still remember the flood of counterfeit money that had been poured over the west and middle west in the early '70s. In those days scrip in denominations of 10, 25 and 50 cents was in use extensively, and this scrip had been counterfeited till the owner of this fractional money never knew whether his money was good or bad.

Further, to add to the troubles of the treasury department and the secret service, a treasury note of the denomination of \$100 had been "shoved" a short time before. This bore the head of Abraham Lincoln, and was as nearly perfect a counterfeit as human skill and patience could have evolved.

"In the engraving, or cutting, of plates for paper money the workmen from the viewpoint of the 'coney' men, were masterpieces. The geometrical labors of the engraver were fully as perfect as those on the original notes issued by the government.

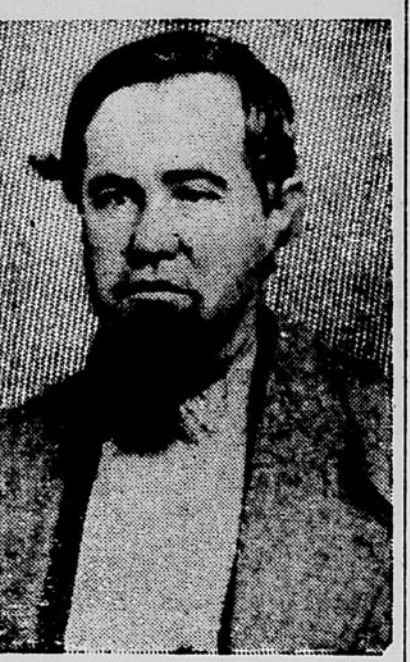
In a general way it was known that a band of criminals had attempted to use the theft of the Lincoln body to secure the release of a "pal" and, incidentally, to make money.

Before counterfeit money finds its way into the pockets of unsuspecting men and women three, and oftentimes four, groups of men, each with their specialty, have to do with it. The engraver of a counterfeit plate does the cutting and nothing else, making the plates, and sells them for a specified sum to the dealer.

"One note at a time is given to the 'shover,' who makes a trifling purchase, gets his change in good money, meets the 'boodle-carrier' secretly, gives him the good change and is given another bill. It is not my purpose, in this narrative, to deal with the methods of counterfeiters in plying their trade, but the foregoing digression into some of the 'tricks of the trade' will be found to illuminate various points in the story to follow.

Mr. Hay's face was a study of amusement when he was suddenly jabbed in the ribs by the elbow of this man, who at the same time addressed the secretary after this fashion: 'Say, sport, ferry over the confectionery, will ye?' The interesting part of it was that John Hay passed the sugar.

I am free to say that for a time in the Boyd-Driggs case I was groping in the dark. A single crime confined to one spot, as a murder, always furnishes clues of some kind on which to work; the location of two men of vague description who are supposed to have been parties to the circulation of counterfeit money which has made its appearance in scores of places widely scattered at practically one time, is another matter.



BENJAMIN BOYD.

greenback variety, issue of March 10, 1862, which notes had had wide circulation, thanks to the energy of the men with whom McCartney was in league.

But this is another digression—except as to the settlement of McCartney in Nauvoo, this act having resulted in the establishment in Nauvoo of headquarters for a prolific gang of "coney" men and women. "Pete" McCartney in 1864 had married Martha Ann Ackerman, whom he had first met in Cincinnati several years before. She was the daughter of an old German counterfeiter whose widow with her two daughters had lived in Cincinnati for several years.

The McCartney band at Nauvoo had gained gradually in numbers and the extent of their operations since "Pete" had settled there, and among his confederates was Dr. Milton Parker, who, at the time I was detailed to the Boyd-Driggs case, was in an eastern penitentiary for counterfeiting. But Mrs. Parker continued to live in Nauvoo and was a handsome and intelligent woman.

This was the first tangible clue that had been uncovered in weeks of search through three states, and I determined that it was from the residence of Mrs. Parker in Nauvoo that Driggs should be followed.

From further cautious inquiry at Nauvoo I found that Driggs had recently made a visit to Mrs. Parker and on leaving had gone ostensibly to Clinton. Familiar as I was with the manner in which such criminals as Driggs bought tickets for unintended destinations, doubled on their tracks and went to great pains otherwise to throw the secret service men off their trail, I decided to go to Clinton.

In the latter part of June, 1875, an elderly man and his wife, a good-looking woman many years younger than her husband, made their appearance in Clinton and rented two houses. The man gave the name of J. K. Watson and told the men with whom he negotiated for the houses that he was a retired cattle raiser.

Married Life. Nordy—Hello, old man, you look sad. Butts—Yes; my wife's away for the summer. Nordy—Lucky dog! Mine isn't—Journal.

That Fixed It. "I think you had better take me at home at once." "Why? You are not afraid of the auto, are you?" "Yes, I am; there's something wrong about it."

TRUE GRACIOUSNESS THE GIFT AS BENEFICENT AS A SUMMER'S DAY.

A Woman's Strength Lies in Tact—The Gracious Woman "Nice" to Everybody—She Ignores Her Friends' Petty Failings—Some Say She Lacks Character—To Acquire the Gift, Cultivate a Smiling Expression—Seem Interested in Others, Not Yourself—Tact, Like Charity, Should Begin at Home.

BY MARY TAYLOR ROSS. (Copyright, 1905, by Joseph B. Bowles.) "Sweetheart, thou art a summer's day; a summer's day!"

Extravagant words of a lover? Yes, and yet, even her woman friends could see that the simile was a happy omen; that the girl, with her tact and unselfishness, a heart that must have been full of the golden sunshine of a summer day, deserved the actual words of the lover's phrase, as well as the love that prompted them.

Full of life, verve and sunshine, she has been all her life, and now, after long years as a wife, she is still, to her husband, and children, and friends, "a summer's day," with her Midas' touch turning every commonplace happening of everyday life into the gold of happiness, and making everyone who comes into her presence more sure that life is worth the living, after all.

Surely, the fairies were kind when the little girl was born, for few of us possess naturally so fine a gift of tact and graciousness, but this woman insists that the gift may be cultivated if one cares enough to possess it. But most of us go through life trying to wrest from Fate by main strength the gifts we would have a kind fortune bestow; blindly selfish women fail to realize that the strength of a woman lies in graciousness, in a tact that will make those around us strain every effort to lay at our feet whatever we wish to possess, and the girl who wishes, as all womanly women must wish, to possess the love of at least one fine, manly man, must first begin with herself, and deserve that love.

But, first of all, a girl must understand that there is just one thing that will keep her from acquiring the gift, and that is selfishness. Most unhappy of all the less desirable physical traits is selfishness, for it generates an indifference for anything but one's own comfort, that makes it difficult for even those bound by ties of blood to go on loving us, and even though a girl may possess many charming traits that will attract hearts as well as winning them cannot exist with a selfish disposition. A sympathy for the world's sorrow, a kindly desire to make the happiness of those with whom we come in contact either in our homes, in society, or in the world of business, and a wish to "be nice" to everyone, ignoring the unpleasant traits nearly every one has in a greater or less degree, and recognizing only the better qualities of our friends, is the first step to attain the gift of graciousness.

There are those who think and speak of the tactful, gracious woman as wanting in strength of character, else she could not be nice to every one. Or we belittle its presence by saying: "Oh, that is her disposition; it is natural for her to be pleasant with everyone." But, since our every act and thought makes for character, either good or bad, so the kindness of the gracious woman, be it natural or assumed, has its sure and lasting effect.

The gracious woman sees only the best in those with whom she comes in contact, because we are prompted to be at our best when in her presence; our better nature is stimulated, and we leave her with a more comfortable feeling of our own worthiness. There are girls who do not hesitate to speak of tact as deceit—a kind of hypocrisy, and it is sometimes difficult to tell just where the line may be drawn—where tact leaves off and deceit commences. But even so—a pleasant smile is not to be estimated as wholly bad. The really gracious and tactful woman does not recognize only the good traits of a friend, and then, in that friend's absence, speak of the ignoble ones that may exist. So far from speaking of them, she, even in her own heart, ignores them, and, surely, the happiest people in all the world are those who go through life ignoring as much as may be all unpleasant things, and setting their faces resolutely toward the best and most pleasing.

Value of Sunshine. It is quite impossible for a thoroughly healthy person to have too much daylight. One might as well say it is possible to have too much fresh air. Daylight does not mean the direct glare of the sun. And a healthy person is not one whose eyes demand darkness. Whether the house furnishing is rich or mean does not matter in the least. There are mansions in which one feels gloomy, despite the evidences of wealth, and there are cottage homes that make one sing from lightness of heart. Let the light into the rooms. See that stairways and passages are bright as the garden outside. Shun the "dim religious light" as you would the plague. It has much dimness and precious little religion about it.

Large Hands. The woman with an unduly large hand should be careful to wear sleeves that are long and wide at the wrist, no matter what the vogue may be. The apparent size of the hand decreases as the width of the cuff increases. That is why in the old portraits of bishops their lordships always seem to have small hands. They wore frilled cuffs of large size.

Tale About Queens. It used to be said of Queens Mary II, and Anne of England that they were granddaughters of a washerwoman; that the mother of Anne Hyde, their mother, had been a laundress before she married a brewer and afterward earl of Clarendon. This Jacobite story did not hurt the queens' popularity.

Enamel on Cards. The enamel of address cards is produced by rubbing over the card a mixture of Kremnitz white, which is a fine variety of white lead. When dry the surface is rubbed with flannel dipped in powdered talc and polished by vigorous rubbing with a hard brush.

An Oily Skin. A simple cleansing lotion for oily skin: One-half pint of rose water, one-half pint of orange flower water, adding one-half ounce of simple tincture of benzoin, six minims tincture of myrrh and a few drops of glycerin. Apply with a bit of linen.

on one's side, since they feel privileged to speak of likes and dislikes, and, at the same time, these very same very old and very young friends, especially if one of the latter is a young boy, can become most exasperating and annoying, and prove a stumbling block to one's progress in a most disconcerting way.

Be frank and pleasant with those of your own age, showing an interest and even assuming it if it does not exist, in whatever they may be engaged with at the time. Assuming an interest will counteract any tendency to indifference you may have, and keep you out of the clutches of selfishness—that horrible octopus that slowly winds its tentacles around every happy trait one may possess, counteracting and crushing it to nothing, and leaving in its place the stuff of which meanness and unattractiveness is made.

The first place to acquire graciousness is in one's home. One family known to the writer has a small room that is known as "the growlery." When any of the children become disagreeable and threaten to spoil the atmosphere of pleasant kindness that should exist in all homes to make them worthy the name, he or she is requested to retire to the growlery; the adults, too, first as a sort of joke, began to retire when selfishness showed itself in the form of exhibiting a disagreeable growth (to make use of a little slang), and at such one very soon recovered when left alone by himself it was easy to come out with a smile on the face. Indeed, it is hard to help smiling at the very idea.

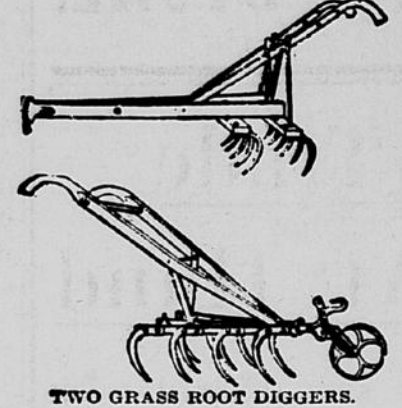
There is no place like home, in which to cultivate the gift of graciousness. If father comes to the table with his "before breakfast grouch," remember only that he may not have slept well last night; he may have business worries and difficulties you know nothing of, and may be worrying because he cannot secure for his family some wished for pleasure or possession; assume a pleasant expression and keep still until he has his breakfast well under way, then, if you have some pleasant thing to talk about, some bit of news or a bit of knowledge he may be interested in, broach the subject in a tactful way, and the breakfast table will soon become a most pleasant meal. Father will start down town with a far lighter heart; he will not know just why, but he will have a particularly kind heart for his daughter, "She's a fine girl, anyhow," he will say to himself, perhaps unconsciously, and he will surely take a new grip on his business affairs and may even come out successful, and all because of a gracious daughter. Mother will forget for a time her "nerves" and the responsibilities of the household and family; the children will start for school with light hearts and home will mean to them the very best place on earth. There are little acts to perform in the effort to acquire the gift of graciousness; ask mother if she has any errands; do not wait till she must ask it as a favor from you, and of all things, never say you haven't any time for any of these little acts; remember it is the busiest people in the world who always can make time for something extra; it is the busy ones who do the world's work. Do not refuse the small requests of the little brother or sister.

Not only is the gift of graciousness for young girls, although it is more easily cultivated in youth; it is really a "must have" for the woman who is leaving youth behind. Selfishness and indifference leave their sure mark on the face of any woman, and do more than any other one thing to help the years trace the lines of age on that face. A mother has particular need to be gracious, for young people of the better sort love to enter a home where the mistress is tactful and gracious. A little tact goes far in rearing children to be what we would have them, and the children of a tactful mother have the opportunity to meet the right sort of companions, and make their selection of a life comrade among the most eligible and desirable of their friends.

THE LIVE STOCK. Whatever you may feed your horse, feed judiciously and regularly. Use system. While it is always an item to feed well, young pigs may easily be stunted by overfeeding. Keep breeding sows by themselves, and feed them according to the demands of the conditions. Hogs furnish one of the best mediums for marketing the bulky products of the farm in a concentrated shape. It is the hogs that make the best growth in the shortest time and upon the smallest amount of food that return the best profit. A tablespoonful of copper sulphate dissolved in hot water and given with a gallon of milk to the brood sow will stop scours in little pigs. Owners of waste, brushy land would find a flock of Angora goats a very valuable acquisition. They are money makers as well as land clearers. In selecting a young animal for breeding purposes one with a gentle and tractable disposition should be chosen as nearly as can be judged. To Fight Weeds. Prof. L. H. Bailey gives the following rules for keeping down weeds, and thereby improving crops: First—Practice rotation. Certain weeds follow certain crops; when the weeds get too strong, change crops. Second—Change the method of cultivating. Plow deeper or shallower, or use a different harrow or cultivator. Third—Cultivate frequently with light surface tools. Fourth—Sow clean seeds. Fifth—Don't let weeds run to seed on the manure pile or anywhere on the farm. Sixth—Eggs and sheep will clean up the weeds on foul fallow land. It is said that a weed will not germinate after a sheep has dropped on it. The Sleepless Bee. One day while working in the apiary, a gentleman watched me. He was anxious to know how I managed to get the honey from the hives. He queried, "Was it at night, when all the bees are asleep?" That, of course, would be the very worst time of all for bees know nothing about sleep, but labor 24 hours a day. There is plenty of work for them to do in the hive at night, such as evaporating honey, comb building, etc.—Farm Journal.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS. GRASS ROOT DIGGERS. Two Instruments Which Will Do Good Work in Bidding Fields of Troublesome Grasses.

A bulletin from the department of Agriculture at Washington details some experiments in trying to kill out johnson grass in the south. This grass has become a pest in some places, as it crowds into cultivated fields worse than Quack or Witch grass. It spreads underground, so that ordinary cutting merely encourages its growth. The roots must be pulled up and destroyed before it can be killed. A disk or cut-



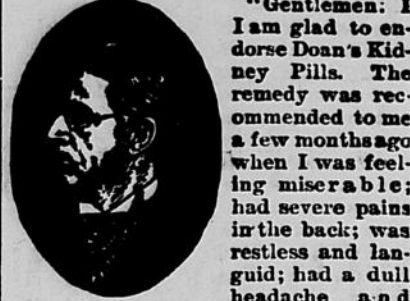
TWO GRASS ROOT DIGGERS. Away harrow does good work at chopping off the roots, and a spring-tooth will uncover many of them, but in order to be effective a tool must reach down under and rip the roots out. Two grass-root diggers are mentioned in the accompanying diagram. The upper one is used by George M. Clark, of Connecticut, in preparing soil for reseeding to grass. With the best plowing and harrowing some roots of old grass will be left in the soil. To destroy them Mr. Clark uses this tool like a one-horse cultivator. It works deep in the soil, gets under the roots and snaps them off—often reaching the side of the field covered with broken and dragging roots. Mr. Clark says that he cannot fit an old meadow as it needs fitting without using a tool of this sort. It seems to be indispensable in destroying Johnson grass.

GOOD SEED BEDS PAY. The Careful Cultivation of the Soil Has Its Reward in Fuller and Better Crops. Some years ago the writer had a three-acre plot "ready" for oats, but when he started the drill he found the rubber pipes so worn that they would not allow the seed to run down, so he started the hired man to harrow the land again and went away for new drill hose. The hand spent an entire afternoon with harrow and two horses on less than three acres, after it was considered fitted for the crop, and the result was that the crop on the well-fitted land was fully 50 per cent. better than on the small patch drilled before going to town for new drill hose. On our present wheat crop we have a plain case of the value of good culture of the soil before planting. The writer was fitting the land with plank, drag and harrow, and the boys had gone to a neighbor's for a few bushels of seed wheat. Something detained them so we kept the drag and harrow going along one side of the field. The wheat at this writing is 25 per cent. better on that strip than on the rest of the field and the stand of fall-sown grass is fully 50 per cent. better.—Prairie Farmer.

RELATED OF RACES. The native of India has an average life of 24 years, as against 44 in this country. An Arabian woman while mourning for a near relative will not drink milk for eight days, as the color of the liquid does not harmonize with her mental condition. Many Greenland women are perfectly bald on the sides of their heads, owing to their method of dressing the hair, which is pulled back with painful tightness, and held in place by a ribbon. Japanese women now have, under the new civil code, property rights and privileges of divorce, which put them nearly on a par with women in England or the United States in those respects. In the matter of a woman's rights Abyssinia is far ahead of Europe. The house and all its contents belong to the wife, and if the husband offends she turns him out until he is duly repentant and makes amends. Russians do not consider it correct for a girl to dance a waltz with a partner. Three or four men dance a round or two each with the same lady, returning her to her original partner at the end of the dance. The Tarahumara Indians believe that there is a God, but they have a very poor idea of Him. Those who live near civilized towns sometimes attend Catholic churches. They have in their tribal religion a certain mixture of the Catholic creed. They are also highly superstitious.

GET POWER. The Supply Comes from Food. If we get power from food, why not strive to get all the power we can get? It is only possible by use of skillfully selected food that exactly fits the requirements of the body. Poor fuel makes a poor fire, and a poor fire is not a good steam producer. "From not knowing how to select the right food to fit my needs, I suffered grievously for a long time from stomach troubles," writes a lady from a little town in Missouri. "It seemed as if I would never be able to find out the sort of food that was best for me. Hardly anything that I could eat would stay on my stomach. Every attempt gave me heart-burn and filled my stomach with gas. I got thinner and thinner, until I literally became a living skeleton, and in time was compelled to keep to my bed. "A few months ago I was persuaded to try Grape-Nuts food, and it had such good effect from the very beginning that I have kept up its use ever since. I was surprised at the ease with which I digested it. It proved to be just what I needed. All my unpleasant symptoms, the heart-burn, the inflated feeling which gave me so much pain disappeared. My weight gradually increased from 98 to 116 lbs., my figure rounded out, my strength came back, and I am now able to do my household and enjoy life. The Grape Nuts food did it." Name given by Postum Co., Battell Creek, Mich. A ten days' trial will show anyone some facts about food. "There's a reason."

U. S. SENATOR TOWNE Credits Doan's Kidney Pills with a Great-lying Cure. Hon. Charles A. Towne, Ex-11. S. Senator from Minnesota, brilliant orator, clever business man, brainy lawyer, whose national prominence made him a formidable candidate for the presidential nomination in 1904, writes us the following: "Gentlemen: I am glad to endorse Doan's Kidney Pills. The remedy was recommended to me a few months ago when I was feeling miserable; had severe pains in the back; was restless and languid; had a dull headache and neuralgic pains in the limbs and was otherwise distressed. A few boxes of the pills effectually routed my ailment and I am glad to acknowledge the benefit I derived. (Signed) CHARLES A. TOWNE. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents per box.

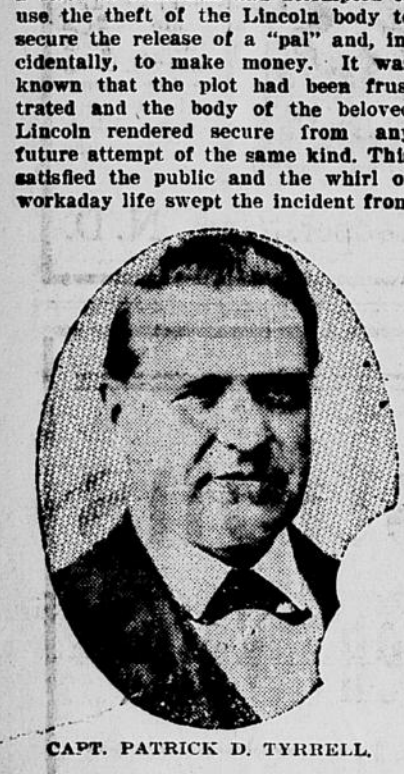


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popular attention. I now propose to tell, after nearly 30 years, the criminal operations, plots and counterplots that led to the great "Lincoln body-snatching case." It was on the 6th day of February, 1875, that a quiet, manly man appeared at the Palmer house in Chicago and registered as "E. Washburn, Washington, D. C." While having a wide acquaintance in Chicago the guest, on this occasion, kept much to himself. Almost immediately on his arrival I received from him an urgent message to meet him at his hotel, and I promptly responded, as the call came from the chief of the United States secret service. No time was wasted by Chief Washburn in getting to the meat of what he had to say, and, after nearly a third of a century, I recollect his words as follows: "Tyrell, there are two men the government must get. They are Nelson Driggs and Ben Boyd by name, although between them they have dozens of aliases. Boyd is the most expert cutter of counterfeit plates in

Mr. Hay's Sense of Humor. Walter Hoff Seely, the insurance man, tells this: "I was taking lunch about a year ago in the Pennsylvania station at Jersey City and was seated on a stool at the lunch counter, when the congressional limited came in, and among other passengers was Secretary Hay. Rushing into the lunch counter he seated himself next to me and ordered a sandwich and a cup of coffee. On the other side of the secretary was a typical American, who had not the slightest idea that his neighbor on the left was the American premier.