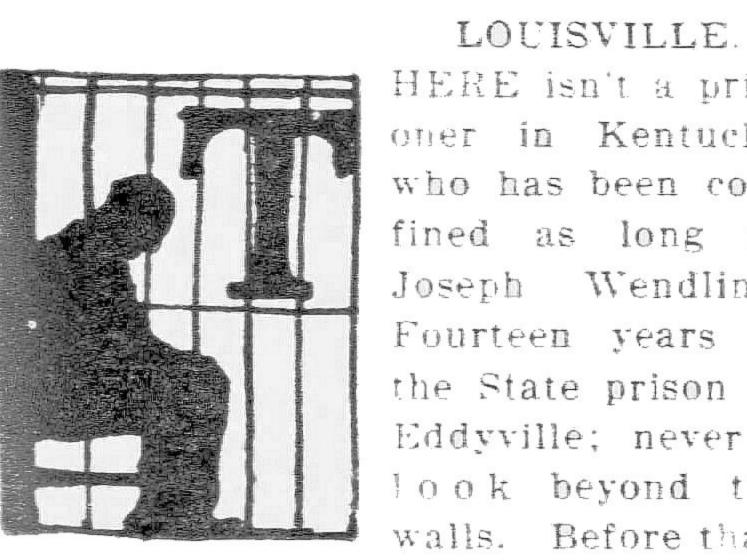


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HERE isn't a prisoner in Kentucky who has been confined as long as Eddyville; never a mination that no one

fren-expressed conviction that some and let him go.

tendling at his trial has managed to peaceful man. being paroled. Others an executive pardon, some of them being friends who never knew him until long after the sentence was imposed. er who has played the part of an implacable Nemesis to Wendling ever to France. He says that he has never had the remotest doubt of Wendling's ly had him hanged) he founded this opinion entirely on circumstantial evidence.

tial merits, the idea has been so strong in Fehr that he has brought heavy pressure to bear on boards of parole and governors; he says that this has forced Wendling to remain a prisoner 10 or 12 years longer than would otherwise have been necessary, and that he is responsible for a special investigation by one of the members of the present Board of Parole. Now that the man has been released, it is only because he agreed to certain secret

conditions laid down by Fehr, who assumed full responsibility for the parole, with the proviso that the prisoner must be immediately de-

What the secret con-Joseph Wendling, ditions are no one else Fourteen years at knows, and Fehr has the State prison in just repeated his deter-

Tave exhausted every means to secure HE crime for which Wendling has suffered so long an imprisonment took place on December 8, 1909. At that time Wendling was But Frank Fehr, the Louisville brew- a vivacious, carefree young man, with luxuriant black hair and a mouth that puckered everlastingly in a cheerful since the murder of Alma Kellner, half-smile. After about eight years of Fehr's 8-year-old cousin, was discov- schooling in his native village, Dijon. ered, is now the man responsible for he had served for a short time as a the prisoner's parole and deportation marine and as a soldier in the French African service. He had come to America and Louisville, and had found guilt, though (like the jury that near- a wife here, a girl named Madeline Arnold, whose parents came from Alsace. She was 13 years his senior and soon became impatient of his carefree At any rate, and whatever its essen- ways and his injudicious consumption of cigars and white wine.

At the time of little Alma Kellner's disappearance, Wendling lived on the grounds of St. John's Catholic Church, on the corner of Clay and Walnut streets; he was caretaker and janitor of the church, and Father Shuhman. the parish priest, lived in an adjacent house, frequently disturbed by the high-voiced wrangling of the Wend-

The little girl came to St. John'

Eddyville Penitentiar; look beyond the ever shall. Wendling has gone forth Church for vesper services one winter the brawling that went on be

walls. Before that, to face the new post-war world, about matincts of kindliness-but it hasn't years old now, he admits to only 51 indomitable optimism with the brow. His face is the face of a quiet, French artisan, passive, or suffused they" would know him for inno- with naive inner good humor. After 27 years in America, he speaks with For 16 years of that term one man unmistakable French intonations and Louisville who had testified against simple phrases. He is a big, healthy.

afternoon. The last persons to see her tween him and his wife. And years in Frankfort Reformatory, which he has read so much, with un- were two women, who watched her more than a month after the defore that, almost a year in Jeffer- disguised joy illuminating his habitu- playing about the altar after the ser- child's disappearance, on Januon County Jail. Altogether, Wend- ally sober face. Tom Logan, the war- vices were over. She never got home. ary 14, the French janitor left ing convicted in Louisville's most den at Eddyville, has taken him to But later the same day Father Shuh- Louisville. He had no money, sensational murder mystery, has served. New York for his deportation to man returned to the church and found he said later, or he would have years of a life term, enough to France, the country of his origin. Al- it singularly cold and permeated with left long before to escape from Thak a man's spirit and mortify all though Joseph Wendling is 60 or 62 a curious odor. On investigation it was his wife's nagging. But he has found that the fire in the furnace had insisted that the disappearance ad that effect. Almost throughout and looks less. His hair has become gone out and that the odor was espe- of Alma Kellner had nothing term Joseph Wendling has served slightly sparse and there is a wrinkle, cially strong in the cellar, but nothing whatever to do with his dethe exemplary resignation, bolstering as of unhurried puzzlement, over his about the furnace explained anything parture. Wendling wandered all over have had great difficulty in perpetrat-

ling was dismissed from the church for

the Southwest. He worked in New ing the crime without attracting at- interpreter constantly beside him, tes-It was about this time that Wend- Orleans, in Houston, Texas; in Los tention as he went from the music tified brokenly in his own behalf. His Angeles, always going by the name of room to the cellar.

and lived in a room- and inefficient. ing house over a ber shop on South

by the discovery of a death.

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sic room had commithad captured and

> rejected this as impracticable, extinguished the fire, taken the remains and the cold, fixed the time pretty defito establish that

Henri Jacquemin, the Wendling was suspected immediatesurname being that ly. And the police were made extraor- child victim, and left Louisville not to of his mother's fam- dinarily active in the case by the fact ily. His reason for that two newspapers were then attackthe incognito, he aft- ing the Democratic administration in erwards explained, the city and were concentrating their was that he didn't fire on the Commonwealth Attorney's want his wife to trace office. The mysterious details of Alma der gave Wendling his only bad mohim. He finally land- Kellner's disappearance resulted in ed in San Francisco charges that the police were dilatory

restaurant and a bar- T took a Coroner's jury only two cence. Frank Fehr was one of the days to investigate the circum- witnesses. Third street. Mean- stances of the discovery and charge

reservoir under the an excellent piece of sleuthing; withmusic room in St. in two months he was able to locate John's Church. The Wendling in San Francisco. The hapreservoir was in a less Frenchman was evidently too cellar which could prone to make friends with chance aconly have been en- quaintances. One of these, a Mrs. Cora tered through a trap Muena of Hume, Missouri, gave the door in the music essential clew. She had become well room in the church. acquainted with "Henri Jacquemin" No one was known to while visiting an uncle in Houston,

To Joseph Wendling's somewhat then, everything about were applied for, Wendling didn't even the circumstances of wait to have them served and validatthe discovery indicat- ed. He seemed anxious to get back ed that someone who and have it over with and continued tohad access to the fur- laugh at the absurdity of anyone's taking him for a murderer.

Newspaper men who had met Wendted the crime. Pre- ling en route to Louisville arranged sumably the murderer to have him taken from the train at Evansville, Indiana, and driven the killed the child, then remaining 65 miles in a car. His arattempted to de- rival thus became a "scoop" - and a stroy the body by redoubled sensation. Crowds assemburning it, bit by bled to get a glimpse of him. His story bit in the furnace, was followed minutely.

UT there was a great deal of legal dickering, including an attempt to get the case tried in a Fedout of the furnace eral court, before Wendling could acand deposited them tually be brought to trial, and the in the reservoir. case didn't come up until the begin-The fact that all ning of October, Mrs. Wendling was this seemed to have living with her family in Louisville; taken place before despite her earlier difference with her Father Shuhman husband, she engaged two attorneys. noticed the odor John W. Ray and J. Reginal Clements, to defend him.

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On November 28, almost a year after the murder had been committed. Joseph Wendling was finally an outsider would, brought to trial. It was a thoroughly stirring case, in which Wendling, an only defense was a statement that he knew nothing about the crime or the escape from justice, but to get away from his wife's tongue.

> The State's star witness was Father Shuhman, whose testimony concerning his experiences on the day of the murment. For a few minutes it looked as if the accused would break down completely, but he pulled himself together and continued to insist on his inno-

During the course of the trial Comwhile an event had the fugitive Joseph Wendling with monwealth Attorney Joseph Huffalter taken place in Louis- first-degree murder. The autopsy had the entire court visit the scene of ville which was to be had indicated that death probably the crime. Thousands packed the a turning point in his had resulted from a skull fracture, streets as the dismal procession went though the condition of the remains by, and the prisoner was protected On May 30, 1910, gave no clews as to what had actually from mob violence by a heavy police the city was stirred happened to the child before her guard. When that was all over, the prosecution had succeeded in communecharred and mutilat- The late Captain John P. Carney, ing at least seven of the jurous that ed child's body in a then head of the detective force, did it would have been impossible for anyone but Wendling to have committed the crime. Six days after the trial's opening, the jury retired. Their is to ballot (seven for death, live in a requittal) resulted in a five hours deadlock. During that time a compromise was arrived at and the second ballot was a unanimous verdict for life imprisonment. Joseph Wendling spent (Concluded on Page 7.)



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ISKETCHES FROM LIFE

High Lights on Unusual Personalities (CAPT. FRITZ KRUSE)

Salty Sailing Days Are Behind the Cruising Commodore'

T'S getting so that the German scientist who discov-Captain Fritz Kruse ered planet 934 named it after his and his medals have ship and sent Kruse a handsome omething in common scroll, decked with ribbons and with a ship's hull and seals, attesting this fact. parnacles. With the The Commodore, one of the

medals he won in the few captains left who looks just World war and the gold scrim- as salty in civies as in uniform, show that Emperor Haile Selassie isn't very communicative unless he of Abvestnia presented to him in gets on the theme of the old days 1932, the commodore of the Ham- when a sailor had to be able to larg-American Line had more splice a 10-inch Manila hawser than one ordinary sea captain's and make a Matthew Walker knot in the December in pitch dark and freezing weathwept the Atlantic, it er. Forty-five years ago at the age to guide the liner of 16 he left his home at Stettin, the storm-crushed Germany, and started to sea, thatch 16 Norwegian spending his first six years in sail. Davy Jones' fingers. Today, a chunky, barrel-chested the SOS he replied, man with close-cropped mustache two hours," and and short-clipped hair, he does not the hurricane. Lacon- look his 61 years as he stands on - radioed: "Aided the dis- the bridge of the Resolute, his reighter Sisto yesterday present command. and night southwest of

In stormy seas. Suc- T RUSE went through a hard school. On his first voyage, Proceeding to Cher- Stettin to New York, three sets of sails were blown out of the

When Kruse got to Hamburg, bolt ropes in storms and it was 84 Is lifeboat crew were giv-days before New York was sight-It was the same story ed. Five years later he was on the days ago when they re-full-rigged ship Helen Scott off turned to New York. The Life Cape Horn when she was rammed Benevolent Association by the bark Olivia and sank in 10 and out gold and silver medals minutes with 17 of her crew of a remony attended by ambas- 26. The mainmast snapped off and de la consuls. Kruse's war yardarms crashed down and Iron Crosses of first through the decks. The foretopelass, the Hamburg gallant lay across both ships. German Navy Cross, Kruse and three other men the topgallant forecastle deck,

the self-styled "direct the other five survivors. no bones. At the end of that voyof King Solomon" gave This was his greatest thrill, he age he forsook sail for steam after pitality shown when says, although he was in com-passing his examination for a King whited the Commodore's mand of two auxiliary cruisers mate's license. In a Diluti. And now the Sis-that were sunk under him in the Experience in sail, he holds, is

mately for the Commo-with more than half the crew Turkish bend, sew canvas, reeve a

coat, its owner is not the being lost. man to indulge in osten- In 1886 he was on board anoth- brace or sheet on a pitch-dark thous whims. He doesn't make er sailing ship in about the same night aboard a sailing vessel. He low of his medals nor of the place where the Helen Scott was is now on his fourteenth cruise eliver cups that world cruise pas-rammed when he fell from the around the world, increasing his engers have given him. If you fore-upper topsail yard as a re-right to the title of "the cruising new him very, very well, he sult of someone slacking away the commodore," bestowed on him by might tell you that in 1926, while leech lines. Kruse says that he other captains. he was master of the Thuringia, fell 55 feet to the iron rail at . ROBERT A. RANDOLPH

The MODEST PROFESSOR Who FATHERED a COUNTRY PRAGUE. abeyance until his retirement of mind and body. Above his HEN the Republic of Masaryk, son of a coachman, is short white beard and eye glasses, Czecho-Slovakia was revered throughout the republic he wears a black slouch hat, recreated in 1918, it as the father of his country. He fusing to adorn himself with a silk elected as its first had striven since boyhood to "topper." His suit is usually gray. President a professor, achieve independence for the He lives simply. He gets up The professor turned Czechs and Slovaks. Because of early in the morning and starts out to be a first-rate this aim, he was condemned to his day's work about 8:30. Horseman of affairs as well as a schol-death when the World War was back riding and walking give him ar, and the republic has kept him in progress as a traitor to Aus-exercise. His principal meal is in Captain Fritz Kruse. and list coat a list to the crawled over it to safety. A few bending it, and then lighting on This was nearly dou- minutes later he was in a boat a coil of rope. He says he was huge ornate gob of from the Olivia helping to pick up unconscious two hours but broke the late enough to put the North Sea during the war. One invaluable, and is something that nodors's coat on its beam was torpedoed by a submarine and never is forgotten. Right today, the other was sunk by a mine he says, he can make a double gantline and find any halliard,

President Thomas Masaryk

'Interpreter of the Subconscious' Gets Frightened at His Own Paintings

re used to seeing, and they ap-fatality on my canvas, so that I ear illogical. Viewed as symbols, find it perfectly natural that my owever, they become very logical, friends and the general public preeach with its own meaning. Sur-tend not to understand my meanmalism merely liberates its ex-ings.

conents from all conventions, as "I am just an automaton which III dreams. One thing follows an- registers, without judgment and

Crosby held aloft a scene showing one of the most important discov-numerous friends among his ward-lier found him a willing worker a peasant woman with an oblong eries of our epoch.

called 'When a Child Is Born,' or not to say that the images in ques- State Buildings. But his buoyant ly in the case that Collier knew baseball series by radio. One of father's name is Eduard. He is a original Baume Analgesique. It goes perhaps 'Childbirth' might fit it tion are without sense. On the nature made confinement a great hidden facts behind the murder his favorite expressions, "On St. gardener. . . ." And so on. Wendbetter. The hole in the old fish-contrary, their meaning is so pro-hardship.

en cabinet over there, while the scientific interpretation."

stand resting beside it." the traditions of the old masters, ater for some unexplained reason, the prison undetected.

(Continued from Page 1.) but it is the subject that seems ir- and the Vicomte de Noailles, who (he is killed several times, but a pastoral scene, and the film Garrique of Brooklyn, daughter of Does Your Child Sleep With rational. It is unknown, it is al-helped make the film, was ex-invariably revived) formed much closed with a shot of the lady of the president of an insurance and insurance the same period of the president of an insurance to the boudoir conversing on the company. When she returned to the boudoir conversing on the company. When she returned to the boudoir conversing on the company. painting of a watch lying on the My idea is to give to the world of Hartford was calmer about it.

One scene showed the cyclist be- beach with a man who looked like America he followed her and they

ge of a ledge with part of it imagination the same existence in The picture began with a se-ing driven out of a woman's bou-Dali himself. tripping like butter toward the one's mind as the realistic world, quence of a heavy set man dili-doir with a tennis racket. In re- After the showing of the film, her family name as his middle around will seem equally insane, to put it on the same plane and gently shaving himself. Presently buttal, he came back at her with Dali attempted to explain, through name. Mrs. Masaryk died in 1923. ometimes, as the artist has ad-give it the same importance." the shaver walked to the balcony, a juggernaut composed of two Mrs. Crosby, some of his paint- Their son, Jan, Minister to Great KONDON'S NASAL JELLY nitted to me, he does not know Another translation was: "I do from which he espied a girl in the grand planos, two football hel-ings. He said that the one of Britain, also married an Amerthy he paints such things. He all my work subconsciously. I street. Suddenly a queer face rose mets, two flayed beeves and two Mme. Dali, with her chin resting ican girl, Miss Frances Crane of inst may only feel the urge, but never use models or paint from before him to obscure the girl and clergymen. A swarm of ants run- on a cutlet, illustrated his desire Chicago, daughter of Charles R. fter it is completed he will psy-life or landscapes. It is all imag- an old-fashioned razer slithered ning in and out of a hole in the to eat his wife. "Surrealist Archi- Crane, who was once United hoanalyze it and learn the mean- ination with me. I must admit in from the side and slit one eye-cylist's hand seemed to distract tecture" he described as a protest States Minister to China.

that I am the first to be surprised ball. This all dissolved into an him no little. There was a jump, against angular modern buildings The President of Czecho-Slo-"The paintings of Dali are and often terrified by the extrava- everyday street scene featuring a or perhaps it was a flashback, to Hartford applauded politely and vakia is a tall, lean, hardy man, derely different from what you gant images that I see appear with cyclist. The cyclist's adventures a strange man being murdered in went home.

in the presidency ever since. Al- tria. And to his persuasion is at- the middle of the day and it usmost 85 years old now, he is serv-tributed the policy of the victori-ually consists of plain, "homey" ing his fourth term—despite a ous Allies which permitted the food—such things as pig's knuckconstitutional provision against Republic of Czecho-Slovakia to be les and sauerkraut and boiled more than two successive terms in established in territory taken from beef and cabbage. He doesn't play that office. That provision is Germany, Austria and Hungary. cards, doesn't smoke and uses alnot as important to Czecho- Born in Moravia, Austria, where coholic drinks very sparingly. So-Slovakia as Thomas Garrigue Mas- his father was a coachman on one cial functions don't interest him, aryk, and it has been held in of the imperial estates, Thomas but he often entertains notables Masaryk was dedicated by his of science, art and politics. He parents to the work of improving likes the movies, particularly comthe condition of his people; he edies, and the phonograph. When was educated for teaching. he goes to the theater it is usually Schooling was temporarily aban- to hear a concert. He likes to join doned at times, and he worked as in the singing of the folk songs of

> apprentice to a locksmith and a the country and to watch the blacksmith. After graduation Czech clog dance; a few years ago from the University of Vienna and he was considered an able perfurther study in Leipsic, he be-former of this dance himself. came a professor in the new Bohemian university at Prague, RESIDENT MASARYK is a founded a critical journal and a prodigious reader. In his resimonthly review, became interest- dence, Hradzin Castle, there ed in politics, bent his energies is said to be a library of more

> to what he called the "moral edu-than 30,000 books, some of them

very valuable. He reads English cation of the nation." In 1907 Masaryk entered the and six other languages. Austrian Parliament as a repre- His own literary output is consentative of the Progressive Party, siderable. He was noted as a Shortly after the World War philosopher before he became broke out, when he was still a famous as a statesman. deputy in Parliament, he fled Thomas Masaryk is a humanifrom Austria and took leadership tarian, kindly and idealistic. But in the movement for Czecho-Slo- he subscribes to no formal relivakian independence. It was in gious creed. He speaks slowly this period that he was condemned and his voice is soft. In a recent to death for treason; fortunately appraisal, modesty was given as he was out of reach of Austrian an essential characteristic of his authority. While living in Lon-nature. But despite modesty and don he lectured at King's College, idealism, this scholar has the qual-He went to the United States in ities of a man of action. He has 1918, pleaded the cause of small shrewdness and his idealism has nations with President Wilson, not separated him from reality. He and obtained the latter's support is a pacifist, but not a peace-atof a Czecho-Slovakian republic. any-price pacifist. He thinks free-

HE republic was established When Masaryk was elected last and Masaryk was elected its May for his present term a nation-President. He was re-elected al holiday was observed and celein 1920 for a seven-year term, re- brations were held throughout elected again in 1927 and 1934. Czecho-Slovakia to honor the pro-Under his steady, same rule, his fessor who fathered a country. little republic of some 15,000,000 [people has weathered the difficulties of the troubled post-war years, escaping most of the ferment and turmoil of its neighbors.

Masaryk married an American. In Leipsic, as a young man, he met a music student. Charlotte were married in 1878. He took

who has carried into old age vigor

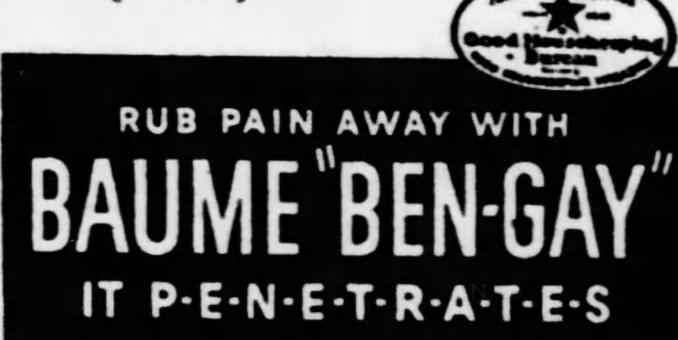
AT ALL DRUG STORES

Plain or Ephedrine

dom is worth fighting for.



Stop that pain! Rub on "Ben-Gay," the skin, flesh, muscle-and stays in the area of the pain and banishes it ... Anc that's done almost in a flash. . Be sure



Louisville's 'Lifer' Finally Goes Free

Shortly after this, in 1921, electric switch room in the prison ed him so long after having such

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Wendling was transferred to Ed- and of the pump house which sup-trouble through him and about ther quickly. What the psycho- with all possible exactitude, the months in jail while his attorneys dyville Penitentiary. From that plied water to the town as well as him, is too feeble to accompany analyst expresses in words, the dictates of my subconscious, my tried unsuccessfully to get him a time he was something more than the prison. These duties occupied him to France now. His parents -urrealist tries to do in oils." dreams, the hypnagogical (sic) new trial. When they failed and a model prisoner. Not only was little time and gave him leisure to are probably dead by this time, images and visions, my hallucina- he was taken to Frankfort Re- there never a single mark against tinker with radios, read a great though he persists in thinking HEN she paused and the tions and, in short, all those man-formatory, he was still possessed him for disobedience or any other deal and study electrical engineer- they are still alive and waiting to energetic young painter ifestations, concrete and irration- of irrepressible vitality. They put irregularity, but he was notably ing. He corresponded with his meet him. I fished several reproductions al, of that sensational and often him to work learning the elec-useful from the time he arrived wife in Louisville, but she didn't "I will go back to France, of his works from a portfolio, obscure world discovered by trical trade, and his candor and and was made assistant to J. C. come to visit him and has stayed where my people live," he says in handing them to his sponsor. Mrs. Freud, which, I have no doubt, is openness of manner soon won him Collier, the prison electrician. Col- away up to a very recent Sunday, his simple French-flavored lan-

ers and fellow prisoners. Before and agreeable, and a warm friend- To UT Wendling's contacts with where I was born. The town pains with quick-acting hole in her back, sitting beside "The fact that I myself at the long he was made a trusty and ship quickly grew up between the outside world weren't where they get their mail is Gen-back, sitting beside "The fact that I myself at the long he was made a trusty and ship quickly grew up between the outside world weren't where they get their mail is Gen-back, sitting beside "The fact that I myself at the long he was made a trusty and ship quickly grew up between the outside world weren't where they get their mail is Gen-back, sitting beside "The fact that I myself at the long he was made a trusty and ship quickly grew up between the outside world weren't where they get their mail is Gen-back, sitting beside "The fact that I myself at the long he was made a trusty and ship quickly grew up between the outside world weren't where they get their mail is Gen-back, sitting beside "The fact that I myself at the long he was made a trusty and ship quickly grew up between the outside world weren't where they get their mail is Gen-back, sitting beside "The fact that I myself at the long he was made a trusty and ship quickly grew up between the outside world weren't where they get their mail is Gen-back, sitting beside "The fact that I myself at the long he was made a trusty and ship quickly grew up between the outside world weren't where they get their mail is Gen-back." moment of painting my pictures was permitted to help wire the ex- them; it is believed by some who shut off altogether. He read lis Cote d'Or. I was born Febru-"This," said Mrs. Crosby, "is know nothing of their meaning is ecutive mansion and several other have interested themselves active- the current news and followed the ary 4, 1884. I am only child. My

bation and, turning, translated lit-called "The Andalusian Dog." escaped again, and this second Frankfort to see whether he could was up to him to step up the wa-Mr. Fehr." he said before he

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story better than anyone else. But Louis I bet my britch," circulated ling hopes to be able to get a job erwoman's body was left there found, systematic and complex That is what prompted him to Collier is dead now, and Wend-contagiously around the prison. He as an electrician when he reaches when she gave birth to the wood- that they require an absolutely get himself up in the costume of a ling's confidences (if they exist- was on friendly terms with every- France. If that proves impossible, you get the original "Ben-Gay" (there woman and escape. According to ed) have died with him. At any one he met, from the Warden he will return to farming. But are hundreds of imitations) Only Benhole in the cabinet is what it lost In a Hartford, Connecticut, ap- all indications he had no intention rate, Collier's friends in Kentucky he faces the world joyously, with Gay" has that remarkable hyposensitize when it gave birth to the smaller pearance, under the auspices of of avoiding his sentence perma- of Eddyville think the electrician persistently attempted to get him love in his heart for his fellow ing (pain-relieving) action, quick painthe Wadsworth Athenaeum, Dali nently; what he wanted was a based his friendly interest on a out. His job at the prison was men, including Frank Fehr, who routing ability! Here she stopped to listen to an knocked a high-hat audience breath of free air before going on profound faith in Wendling's in- one of real responsibility and re- kept him in prison a decade more impassioned flow of French from speechless by unreeling a surreal- with his captivity. Two years nocence. At his own expense he quired 24-hour duty, for if a fire than he would have stayed otherthe painter. She smiled in appro- ist film he helped produce. It is after he was brought back he made three trips to Louisville and broke out in the prison or town it wise. "I hold no malice against

terally as follows: "The painting When it was shown in Paris, the time he wasn't captured until they win the convict his freedom. ter pressure so that the fire ap-was released. "And I want to ball itself is very academic, following Royalists rioted all over the the-saw him trying to sneak back into After several years Wendling paratus could work effectively. thank him for what he has done

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