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Preface

They called it the “Crime of the Century.” Two brilliant young men, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, both from very affluent families in Chicago, kidnapped a 14-year-old boy, killed him, and demanded a \$10,000 ransom for what they described as “the thrill of it.” They were convinced that it was the “perfect crime.” In fact, one of the motivations for the offense was the belief that they were so clever they could outwit the police in their investigation. They were wrong. The piece of evidence most helpful in bringing about their arrest was the discovery of a pair of glasses at the crime scene that belonged to Nathan Leopold. The glasses apparently had a very unusual frame and only three existed in the city of Chicago at that time.

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