

HU-CAN Merchants' Bean Club. Hu-Can Guess Our Bean Jars?

- Some Things That You Should Know:
- 1—That you must use a coupon cut from this paper.
 - 2—That no person can deposit more than three coupons with any one merchant each day.
 - 3—That you must bring them to the store. No mailed coupons filed.
 - 4—That you can vote as often as you have coupons.
 - 5—That you should file your coupons as early as possible.
 - 6—That in case of a tie the coupon filed first will receive the prize.
 - 7—That no one knows the exact number of beans in a jar.
 - 8—That each jar contains beans and beans only.
 - 9—That the advertisement must be cut out with the coupon.
 - 10—That the jars are changed and refilled after each contest.
 - 11—That if you don't estimate correctly this time, you may next time.
 - 12—That every article offered is exactly as represented by the merchants.

HU-CAN?
Beans at A. Hospe's
 1513 DOUGLAS STREET.
Hospe's Music Dept.
 Among our immense variety of Xmas Novelties no doubt the beautiful American made Regina Music Boxes rank first. We have them now from \$8.50 up to \$35.00 and sell them for cash and on easy payments. To receive a guesser of our bean jar this week we will present a nice violin outfit, consisting of violin n, bow and box, valued at \$30.00.

A. Hospe's BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 10 is

Name.....
 Address.....
 This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store.

HU-CAN?
Carvers
 The finest line in the city at prices from 75c to \$10.00.
Pocket Knives
 SCISSORS—RAZORS—All the best warranted brands—Barney & Berry and Klipper Klub.
Skates
 SLEDS—COASTERS—A big line of new patterns.
Toy Stoves and Ranges.
 handsome patterns from 50c to \$10.00.
 To the person estimating the nearest number of beans in our bean jar we will give on December 24th, that beautiful \$46

MILTON ROGERS & SON,
 Cor. Farnam and Fourteenth.
BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 27 is

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HU-CAN?
Guarantee Clothing Company.
 Capitol Ave, Near 16th St.
 Open Evenings Until Christmas.
 All Wool Clay Worsted Suits.....\$5.75
 Fancy Embroidered Slippers.....50c
 Yellow Caps for Men.....35c
 Extreme High Dress Shoes.....\$1.99
 Warranted Dress Shoes.....\$1.99
 Beautiful Neckties.....25c
 Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 for.....\$1.99
 Elegant Link Sleeve Buttons.....25c
 Fur Overcoats as low as.....\$8.50
 Double Sleeve Shirts.....45c
 Fancy Half Hose.....15c
 Fine Covered Cloth Overcoats.....7.50
 Zinc Trunks.....\$1.49

BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 28 is

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HU-CAN?
 WE CARRY THE LARGEST LINE OF—
Toys
 In Omaha—immense display on Main Floor. Notice our north window.
 On New Year's eve we will give to the person estimating the nearest number of beans in our jar a fine Sewing Machine valued at \$75.

People's Furniture & Carpet Co.,
 16th and Farnam.
BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 12 is

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HU-CAN?
Gas Fixtures
Fancy Globes
 We want the public to know that we have the only complete line of New Gas, Electric and Combination Fixtures in the city. We have no second-hand stock. Besides what we sell you in regard to our fixtures you can rely on—we never misrepresent things. Call and see us.
 Wednesday we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of beans in a jar a handsome portable gas lamp.

J. MORRISSEY PLUMBING CO.,
 310 S. 15th. Tel. 720.
 Open Nights.
BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 19 is

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HU-CAN?
FINE ENGRAVED
Wedding Stationery
 ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC., engraved to order, \$10.00 for first 100, \$3.50 each 100 after. Special attention given to engraving the Business Cards, Letter Heads, Envelopes. Elegant Initial Monogram Stationery—would make a fine Christmas present.
 Estimate our bean jar and you will receive a ladies' watch—"O" size, 14k solid gold hunting case, diamond or nomenclature, with Waltham Full Jeweled nickel movement, valued at \$45—contest closes December 24th.

C. S. Raymond Co.,
 S. E. Cor. 15th and Douglas.
BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 32 is

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HU-CAN?
Lucky One Gets Belted
 Costs nothing but a guess—and it is not a belt from John L. Sullivan, but a nice belt from our stock.
HENRY COPLEY.
 Wares of Gold and Silver.
 215 S. 16th St., Paxton Bldg.
 Two fine \$3.00 belts given away Saturday, December 24, to the two persons estimating the nearest number of beans in our jar.

BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 14 is

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HU-CAN?
UPRIGHT PIANO
\$142.00
\$5.00 MONTHLY.
 New Steinways, Ivers & Pond, Vose, Emerson, Steger & Singer Pianos on easy payments. New pianos for rent—One year rental allowed if purchased. Instruments moved, tuned and exchanged. Telephone 1525.

SCHMOLLER & MUELLER,
 STEINWAY & SONS REPRESENTATIVES.
 1313 Farnam Street. Largest Music Dealers in the West.
BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 17 is

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HU-CAN?
Save Money
 by buying a
Bicycle
 for
Xmas
 You can save from \$10 to \$15 by buying now.
 New wheels \$15 up.
Omaha Bicycle Company,
 Cor. 16th and Chicago Sts.
 Ed. T. Hayden, Mgr.

BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 34 is

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HU-CAN?
SEWING MACHINES
 On January 1, 1899, we will give away an elegant drophead ball-bearing \$65.00 Davis Sewing Machine to the person making the closest estimate to the number of beans in our jar.
 Second-hand sewing machines from \$5.00 up.
 For \$2.00 we will put anti-rust on your bicycle and store it until spring.
 We have recently taken the agency for the celebrated Columbia and Rambler bicycles.

Neb. Cycle Co.,
 15th and Harney.
BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 33 is

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HU-CAN?
Beat These Prices
 Duffy's Malt Whisky..... 85c
 S. S. S. Laxative Bromo Quinine..... 75c
 Faine's Celery Compound..... 75c
 Vitas Kolafruit..... 85c
 Malted Milk..... 85c
 Pe-Pine..... 75c
 On Saturday, December 24 we will give away to the person making the nearest estimate on the number of beans in our jar a handsome ladies' toilet set.

SCHAEFER 16th & Chicago
BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
 My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 23 is

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BECHEL COMPLETES HIS TALE
 Monotonous Cross-Examination Results in Confusion of Witness.
 EFFORTS TO TANGLE HIS TESTIMONY
 Defendant Shows the Effect of the Strain He Has Undergone, but His Main Evidence Stands Unshaken.

The cross-examination of W. F. Bechel, who is charged with embezzlement from the Pacific Express company, was completed just before court adjourned last night, but there is still no indication that the arguments will be reached today. It is not known whether any additional witnesses will be put on by the defense and the county attorney says he does not know how much time he will occupy in rebuttal. It is expected that the evidence will be finished some time today, but that it will require at least two days more to get the case to the jury.
 Mr. Bechel was on the stand all day yesterday and the state made a rigorous and persistent effort to tangle him up. The strain of the last few weeks was apparent in his nervous condition and at several points he became plainly confused. He did not contradict himself on any important points, but the county attorney succeeded in mixing him up to some degree on details of the various transactions to which he had testified.
 During the afternoon a negative light was thrown on some of the inside history of the case before it became a matter of public knowledge. This was noted by a question by the county attorney in which he was asked if it was not a fact that last December President Morsman of the express company had stated in his private office to Mr. Nason and in the presence of Bechel and Andrew Hunt that Sudborough had confessed to a shortage and had declared that "Bechel and Andy" got some of the money. The witness emphatically denied that he had heard such a remark.
 Pressing for the Details.
 Mr. Bechel was questioned closely yesterday morning as to whether vouchers had originally been inserted in the expense envelopes, and by whom. He said that he believed most of them had contained either a voucher or a memorandum. Sometimes the vouchers were made by himself. He could not remember any specific instances. The same ground was covered half a dozen times with no material change in the results.
 Continuing, the state brought out the statement that, as his superior officer, the witness was authorized to demand from Hunt all or any part of the money in the office bank at any time, and that while Hunt was the custodian of the bank, the amount originally turned into the bank was charged to Bechel on the books of the company. The witness stated that he never investigated the condition of the bank.
 In the afternoon the witness was asked to again identify the salary checks in connection with the expense envelopes drawn by the corresponding months. In most cases the combined amounts exceeded his salary. He accounted for the envelopes by saying that in these cases the envelopes probably represented amounts advanced by Hunt to use in the mine.
 Then the history of the mining deal was

again resurrected and the witness repeated the story of the organization of the company and the disposal of one-third of the stock to Hunt. He was questioned in regard to the amount that had been expended in development at various times, and the amounts that Hunt had advanced to buy blocks of stock held by other parties. Half the afternoon was occupied along this line and then Mr. Baldrige returned to the \$18,000 and asked Mr. Bechel if he had at any time received \$300,000 from Mr. Hunt. To this he returned a positive negative and then the county attorney sprung a waybill for \$300 sent some effort at dramatic effect. The witness declared with emphasis that the waybill represented money sent by Hunt, using his name because he was president of the company.
 Back to the Mining Deal.
 The county attorney then took another whirl at Bechel's version of the meeting in the office of the express company after which Hunt had destroyed the credit letter stubs. He tried to induce the witness to admit that he had gone there for the purpose of destroying the records, but the witness insisted on his denial. He was also asked whether, when President Morsman called Hunt into his private office to discuss the shortage, he did not grasp Hunt by the coat tails and urge him to protest him and whether on the following Sunday he had asked Hunt if he had surely destroyed the credit letter stubs. In each case he entered a positive denial. The same answer was returned to a number of additional queries in regard to incriminating remarks alleged to have been made by himself. These involved a conversation alleged to have occurred between the witness and an express office clerk at the Elks club in which he had declared that if Hunt was game nothing could be done with any of them. Bechel said that he remembered talking about Hunt's arrest at the club, but he could not remember what was said.
 The re-direct examination did not occupy five minutes and then William Mitchell, secretary of the Snowden Mining company, testified that Bechel had never contributed a dollar towards the development of that enterprise.

WANT THEIR JOBS BACK AT ONCE.
 Discharged Policemen Bring Mandamus Suit Against the Board.
 Mandamus proceedings were commenced yesterday afternoon by former Police Captains Henry P. Haze and Albert T. Sigwart, and Nicholas N. Halter and Detective Thomas J. Ormsby to compel the fire and police board to immediately reinstate them.
 Securing an affidavit from each as to their length of residence in the city, period of service on the force and the circumstances of their discharge their attorneys hunted up Judge Keyser after his court had adjourned and obtained from him an alternative writ of mandamus ordering the board to immediately convene and reinstate them or appear before him Friday morning and show cause why they should not.
 The statements contained in all the affidavits were substantially the same. Mayor Moore is made a co-defendant with Messrs. Karbach, Coffman, Birkhauser and Collins as ex-officio chairman of the board. It is set forth that in each case the re-lator was discharged by the new board summarily without cause or hearing and not for the reason that there was any lack of funds, for immediately their successors

were appointed to fill the places left vacant by their dismissal.
 Stewart was let out September 24; Ormsby October 17, Halter October 24, and Haze and King November 2. Except Captain Haze they give their periods of service in the order named, as seventeen, thirteen, eight and ten years. Captain Haze puts his indefinitely as "many years."
 State Against Bank Goes Over.
 Owing to the inability of Attorney General Smyth to be on hand at the time set for the trial of the suit of the state against the Omaha National bank to recover the \$201,000 said to have been drawn out of the bank by Treasurer Bartley to pay the Chemical National bank warrant, Judge Baker had to set the case for the 22d. Mr. Smyth was engaged in a case going on in Judge Dickinson's court.
 A reply was filed during the day by the state to the Omaha National bank's answer. It sets up that the \$180,000 warrant held by the Chemical National bank was illegal and void and that the state never received any of the proceeds from the sale of the warrant.
 Date for Kierstead-Connolly Hearing.
 When the Kierstead-Connolly election contest was called by County Judge Baxter yesterday Mr. Gurley, representing Mr. Kierstead, agreed with Mr. Mahoney, Connolly's counsel, that it would be risky to attempt to try the matter on the last day of the December term and without allowing for full thirty days from the date the summons in the case was served. As the law recognizes no parts of days and it would be assumed that the summons was served at any time during November 19, to begin the case time during November 19 would not be making allowance for a full thirty days, as is required by the statute. Under the circumstances Judge Baxter set the case for January 4 at 2 p. m.
 Result of a Cattle Deal.
 A suit brought by the Union Stock Yards National bank against Rice Bros. & Nixon, Clay, Robinson & Co. and several others over fifty-one head of cattle shipped by Hayward Woodruff to Clay, Robinson & Co., upon which \$1,801 was realized, has resulted in a controversy between the defendants. A separate answer was filed by Clay, Robinson & Co. yesterday stating that that firm was holding the money as it supposed for the benefit of Woodruff, but that Preston R. Cox had put in a claim. The court is therefore asked to adjudicate as to which of the defendants the money belongs.
 Between Soap Companies.
 Judge Pawcett yesterday granted a temporary injunction on the petition of Josephine M. Getty and the Getty-Mitchell Soap company against the "Cash-A-Lone" Soap company to prevent the latter from using Mrs. Getty's formula until the matter can be heard Saturday morning. The plaintiffs charge H. K. Burket, the president of the defendant concern, with having appropriated their trade name. Burket was a stockholder in the Baird-Getty Soap company which recently reincorporated as the Getty-Mitchell Soap company.
 Status of the Contempt Case.
 Today Judge Sawyer is to appoint his disbarment committee to bring proceedings against Carroll S. Montgomery and at the same time he expects to hear argument on the motion for a new trial in the exposition contempt case. Superedeas bonds have already been filed at Lincoln by Mr. Montgomery for himself and Messrs. Wattle, Reed and Wadley and the

exposition company, the amount of the bonds being \$40,000. Bills of exceptions are now being prepared for the appeal.
 Modifies Injunction.
 A modification of the temporary injunction sued out by the Riley-Hubbard company against the Automatic gas lamp company has been made by Judge Pawcett so as to allow the defendant to carry out all its pending contracts. The matter is to be heard on its merits some time next month. The injunction order now simply states that the defendant is not to sell or apply to its disposition of territorial rights to parties other than the plaintiff.
 Habeas Corpus Didn't Work.
 Thomas Scott and James McGregor, the two men tried twice in the district court for assault upon Alfred J. Quinn and Henry Miller and each time acquitted, failed to get their liberty on habeas corpus proceedings. The judge held that they are now in custody on entirely different charges, although the cases cover the same circumstances.
 Court Notes.
 Mary Savage also secured a divorce from John H. Savage on the ground of extreme cruelty and 400 temporary custody of four minor children was awarded to her.
 Decrees were granted yesterday in the Davis, Trux and Howitt divorce cases, deservent being the ground in each. In the Hayes case from South Omaha, in which there was a contempt proceeding against Attorney Boucher over a buggy which the plaintiff had taken possession of, the court ordered the vehicle to be turned over to the woman.
 Another damage suit has been brought against the Omaha National bank by the Ford Place property by the overflow of a ditch at Thirty-first avenue and Pinkney street last May. Nicholas, Elizabeth, Edna and Joseph Plury, Elizabeth Neff and Lena Ederer, as owners of lot 1, block 15, are the plaintiffs and the amount they ask for is \$1,375.
 A new trial is asked for in the \$7,000 mortgage foreclosure case of Allan Bourne against Thomas O'Connor, which Judge Pawcett decided in favor of the plaintiff. This is the suit in which the signature of O'Connor's deceased wife was contested on the ground that it had been signed by her daughter, Theresa, without her consent. The court held the acknowledgment of the note to the signature as adopted by the mother good. The mortgage was on the O'Connor homestead on Twelfth street near Farnam.

GOOD RUN OF YOUNG WOMAN
 Horse is Held on Track, but Lantern is Secured in Time to Flag Passenger Train.
 EARLVILLE, Ill., Dec. 19.—Burlington train No. 55 last night was flagged and stopped within a foot of a 1,500-pound horse caught by the foot in a crossing. Oscar, a farmer, and a sister, who were driving in the darkness, released one horse, but were unable to wrench the foot of the other from its fastening. The young woman ran half a mile to get help and a lantern from a house at the edge of the town.

New York Soldiers Going Home.
 CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—One battalion of the First New York volunteers, which has been doing garrison duty in Honolulu and which arrived in San Francisco a few days ago, left Pacific Junction, Ia., today over the Burlington road on its way to New York. The detachment, consisting of about 500 men, in command of Colonel Barber, is in two sections. The troops will arrive in Chicago early tomorrow morning and will at once leave for the east.

SLABAUGH DEFENDS HIMSELF
 Replies from the Bench to Certain Strictures of Another Judge.
 HIS COURSE IN EXPOSITION AFFAIRS
 Signing an Order to Save the Enterprise from Probable Destruction—the Main Feature of His Offending in the Matter.

Immediately after court opened yesterday morning Judge Slabaugh took occasion to reply briefly to statements recently made by a judge of the district court in reference to the remainder of the bench. Judge Slabaugh read what he had to say from manuscript and then took up the docket without further comment. He said:
 I have a matter that I wish to speak of publicly this morning and briefly. Judge Scott, I understand, in his decision the other day charged myself and others of his associate judges with corruption on the bench. I cannot pass such charges over without notice. I have stood his cursing and abuse for a long time because I believe that men know him and pay no heed to what he says except to be amused, and because the position I hold, that of a judge of the court, should be above any one, and God forbid that especially from the bench I should abuse any one, even my worst calumniator, although under the protection such office would give a judge. Such is not the object of the bench. Judge Slabaugh, who has read what he had to say from manuscript and then took up the docket without further comment. He said:
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