

HINGED ON HANDWRITING

Several Celebrated Cases Decided by the Testimony of Experts.

TURNING THE TABLES ON A FORGER

Miser Paine's Altered Power of Attorney—Discovery of Forgery in a Famous Will Contested in Montana.

Handwriting experts are again having their day in court in the trial of Roland B. Molineux, now in progress in New York City.

Some very complicated cases have been unraveled during the last fifteen years by handwriting experts. One of the most famous cases of this kind, relates the New York Sun, was the Dodge libel suit, tried at Plymouth, N. H., in 1885.

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The Forger Cornered.

For the first few days of the trial of the libel suit it looked as though Mrs. Dodge was hopelessly beaten. Witness after witness, all men who were familiar with Mr. Dodge's handwriting, went on the stand and declared that the signatures on the check and the note were genuine.

The distinctions made by the expert were based almost entirely on infinitesimal differences in shading and thickness in the matter of the letter D. The expert brought out his strongest evidence. He showed that every D written by Mr. Dodge in notes and letters, the genuineness of which was not questioned, could be exactly boxed in an exact square, with some portion of the letter touching the sides and the top and bottom.

Will of Miser Paine.

An even more interesting case which was solved by Mr. Ames involved the will of Miser Paine in this city in 1886. Here a deliberate attempt to get away with something like a half million dollars was made.

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WHAT THE PERQUISITES AMOUNT TO

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The compensation of a member of congress is supposed to be \$5,000 a year. As a matter of fact, relates the Philadelphia Press, it is \$5,000 and perquisites.

The most substantial perquisite that goes with a seat in congress is mileage at the rate of 20 cents per mile each way, to and from the capital, once each session.

Allowance for Stationery.

Congress appropriates every year \$125 per member for stationery, postage and newspapers. The stationery clerk opens an account with the members, crediting him with \$125 at the start.

Abuse of Franking Privilege.

The franking privilege has had its ups and downs. Years ago it was practically carte blanche—members franked everything; but the privilege was so much abused that the law was repealed.

Joe Cannon and His Clerk.

The fifty-third congress, therefore, provided that members should receive \$100 per month during the session. The fifty-first was only during the session.

fourth congress met the proposition that a session clerk clerk not be less than \$100 per month the year around. This did not include clerk hire for chairman of committees.

To the second session of the fifty-third congress it was provided that chairman of committees having annual clerks should also get \$100 per month clerk hire, not during the session, but, verily, during the recess of congress.

Few people, even about the capitol, know what a goodly number of congressmen have regarded the \$100 monthly clerk hire as another perquisite of their own.

Rake-off from Clerks.

There is, however, a well grounded suspicion that in a good many cases congressmen have regarded the \$100 monthly clerk hire as another perquisite of their own.

Books of Good Market Value.

As for the public documents, the congressman gets each year twenty-five large wall maps of the United States, which cost the people \$125 each.

Getting Around the Law.

But what the member really longs for is to be chairman of a committee. Arrived at that distinction, he is in clover. The committee of which he is chairman has a large pleasant room assigned to its use.

that distinction, he is in clover. The committee of which he is chairman has a large pleasant room assigned to its use and this room becomes the chairman's private office.

The law says the expense of this sort of thing "shall not exceed \$500 during the session," but in Washington they have a smugger way of doing things.

The doorkeeper of the house assigns a messenger to look after the room, see that it is kept in order, guard the portal when the committee is in session with their chairs for the chairman. These are some of the items that go to make a representative's life a happy one.

Size doesn't indicate quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.

RUINED TOWN OF AMALEP.

Novelist Crawford Talks About the Historic Italian Town.

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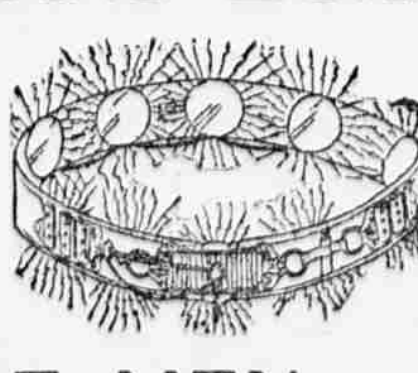
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