TAKEN FOR A SHOPLIFTER.

A Fine Looking Old Man with a Score of Full Pockets.

"Excuse me, but will you come this way a moment, sir?" said the shopwalker to a stout, well-dressed man of about 50, with a frank, honest face, who had just purchased a collar, according to the St. Louis Republic.

"Certainly," was the surprised reply, as he followed the young man into the private office of the head of the firm.

"Mr. Ribbons," said the young shopwalker as he entered, "I have made an important discovery. See this!" and he pulled a protruding piece of red ribbon from the old man's pocket, with the result that about fifteen yards of it were brought to light.

"You are right," said Mr. Ribbons; "go and fetch the police at once."

The old gentleman protested that he was innocent of any theft, but to no purpose and the search proceeded. His clothes were lined with extra pockets and before long fifty yards of ribbon of various shades, and three pounds of confectionery, half a dozen packs of playing cards, two dozen colored handkerchiefs, some small flags, a dozen oranges, a white rabbit, half a bushel of artificial flowers, two guinea pigs, a canary in a small cage and some eggs were produced.

The poor old fellow's dimensions had, of course, decreased in size and he looked a wo-begone mortal.

Just then there was an impatient knock at the door and immediately a short, business like man entered in great excitement.

"I was told I should find you here," he gasped. "What in the world do you want to take up all this time to buy a collar for? But what's the matter with you, anyway?"

"This man has just been taken up as a shop-lifter," said the detective, and he pointed to the goods lying about.

"Shoplifting be blowed," angrily replied the short man. "He's the magician's man at our show and has been with us for years. How do you expect the 'Bouquet of Mystic Novelties' to be gone on with and all the other tricks without the honest-looking, white-whiskered old gent sitting down in front to let things be taken out of him after they have been put in boxes on the stage? It can't be done and he must come with me."

"Young man," said Mr. Ribbons, as the others left the room, "you are very careless and have made a serious mistake. Be more careful in future."

A Subterranean City.

The "City of the Salt Mines" is situated several hundred feet below the surface at Wielicska, Galicia. This wonderful subterraean city has a population of over 1,000 men, women and children, scores of whom have never seen the light of day or the earth's surface. This remarkable city has its town hall, a theater and its assembly room, as well as a beautiful church, decorated with statues, all being fashioned from pure crystalized rock salt. It has well graded streets and spacious squares, all well lighted with electricity. There are isolated cases in this underground city, where not a single individual in three or four successive generations has ever seen the sun or has any idea of how people live on the outside of the earth. Their rock salt houses are said to be perfect satitariums, and the average longevity of the denizens of the "City of the Salt Mines" is said to exceed that of the surface inhabitants of Galicia.

Afraid to Wear Their Laurels.

Of the eight young women who received degrees at the Yale commencement only four had the courage to take part in the commencement procession. The others yielded to their fear of a little guying on the part of their brother seekers for diplomas. The four brave virgins were treated with distinguished consideration and along the line they were constantly applauded. In lieu of the famous and traditional low Yale bow that all students make to President Dwight, the young women swept him a courtesy without removing their mortar-boards, a concession permitted by the faculty on account of the difficulty in removing a masculine mortar-board from a feminine coiffure.

Too Much To Ask.

"Yes," said Miss Bellefield, dolefully, "it is all over between George—I mean Mr. Homewood—and myself."

"Whatever was the matter?" asked Miss Bloomfield. "I thought you loved each other devotedly."

"O, we do, or rather did. But it was this way: When he asked me to marry him, I said I would if he would give up smoking. He replied that he would give up smoking if I would give up my pug dog, but, of course, I could not think of such a thing as parting with my dear Fido, and so it ended."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

French Westminster Abbey.

Paris seems to be turning the Luxemburg garden into a sort of French Westminster Abbey. The latest bust it is proposed to set up there is that of Sainte Beuve, the critic. Fortunately, in the mile or more of avenue between the palace and the observatory there is room for all of France's great men, if they are only set close enough to each other.

The Wrong Man.

Bill the Biffer—What's d' object of dis organization uv yours, mister? Mission Worker—To rescue the fallen, my man. Bill the Biffer—Well, don't talk tor me; I'm no bicyclist.—Roxbury Gazette.

Same Thing.

"Does your girl ever give you the marble heart?"

"No, but she often turns the cold shoulder."—Detroit Free Press.

TRANSPORTATION OF TOWNS.

Russian City to Be Taken to a Location Where the Climate Is Less Severe.

San Francisco Chronicle: European engineers are much interested in the proposed removal of an entire town in northern Russia to a point 43 miles distant, the houses to be transported over the frozen surface of the river on sledges. The city of Kola, on the peninsula of the same name, is now situated at the confluence of two rivers, the Luttojoki and the Notosero, forming the Kola river, about 50 miles from the Arctic ocean. While the rivers and the bay below are navigable for even large vessels, Kola is situated so far inland that it is shut off from the sea by ice much longer than other seaports situated even further north, like Vardoe, in Norwegian Lapland. The governor of the province of Archangelisk, Baron Engelhardt, to whose jurisdiction the district of Kola belongs, has proposed to transfer the city to a better port nearer the mouth of the Kola river. Imperial and ministerial consent having been given, active preparations are now being made to transport Kola to the new location. The project is not, however, a new one. The thing has been done on an extensive scale right here in the United States. When the Mormons left Nauvoo, Ill., they left behind them nearly 700 well-built frame houses, clustered around their unfinished temple. German grape-growers came in and settled up the place. They wanted the hillsides for their vines. The houses were sold to speculators, who moved them all in the course of three winters over the frozen basin of the river to a point twelve miles above on the Iowa shore, and founded what is now one of the most prosperous of western towns—Fort Madison. The houses were set on rude sledges and drawn by oxen.

Queer Pies.

We know that a pie is a truly British institution but I doubt if many of my readers know to what important, I might almost say national, uses pies are sometimes put. Here is a case in point: The inhabitants of Denby Dale, a hamlet near Barnsley, who for over a century have baked large pies in commemoration of remarkable events, are preparing to celebrate the jubilee of the repeal of the corn laws on Saturday, August 1, by means of another large pie. A pie was baked in commemoration of the recovery of George III. from mental affliction. At the conclusion of peace between England and France in 1815 another large pie was baked, containing half a sheep, twenty fowls, and a half a sack of flour. The "repeal pie," as it is locally called, was made on Aug. 29, 1846, and was drawn through the village with thirty-one horses, headed by three bands of music. The pie was 7 feet in diameter, 1 foot 10 inches deep and contained forty stones of flour. It was served in the presence of an estimated crowd of 60,000 people. On the occasion of the jubilee of the queen another monster pie was provided on Aug. 27, 1887. The pie was baked in a dish weighing 15 cwt.; it was 8 feet in diameter and 2 feet deep. The total weight was over two tons and the cost was put down at £250. It was drawn by ten horses. When cut into it was gamey and few could eat it. A smaller pie was made on Sept. 3, 1887, and fully 2,000 people dined off it. The coming pie will be 6 feet 6 inches in width, 10 feet 6 inches in length.—London Sketch.

To Prevent Rust.

A practical machinist says he has found the following mixture very effectual in preventing machinery from gathering rust: Melt together one pound of lard and one ounce of gum camphor. Skim the mixture carefully and stir in it a sufficient quantity of fine black lead to give it a color like iron. After cleaning the machinery thoroughly smelt it with this mixture, and allow it to remain thus for twenty-four hours. Then go over it with a soft cloth, rubbing it clean. Treated thus machinery often retains its brightness for several months. Bicycle riders would find this preparation of value.

The Appian Way.

The famous Appian Way, mentioned by almost every Roman writer, connected the Eternal City with all parts of South Italy. For many miles from Rome the space on each side was filled with sepulchers, many of them of persons distinguished in history. To have a sepulcher on the Appian Way was equivalent to being buried in Greenwood in New York, or Pere la Chaise in Paris.

A Surprise.

Some time ago I had occasion to be aboard of one of our large liners when I observed an old lady looking over the ship.

After walking around for some considerable time she came across a sailor pumping fresh water up from below when she suddenly exclaimed:

"Lor', sir, I did not know you had a well aboard here."—Answers.

She Went Up.

New Girl (just going on the stage)—"Is it true that if I go into the chorus I can never rise? They say I'll never be able to get out of it." Old Stager—"Don't you believe it. I got out the first week, easy." New Girl—"Oh, how did you do it?" Old Stager—"I was fired."—Judge.

A Lively Drink.

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