

SLICK PATENT FAKES

THE HARM THEY DO AND THE DECEIT THEY USE.

Ambitious, Hardworking Inventors Are Their Victims—They Generally Operate by Publishing a Paper—What They Promise and How They Avoid the Law.

Of the making of patents there is no end, like the making of books. The bookmaker and the patentee are hall brothers, the one making machines for the convenience of the mind, and the other making things for the convenience of hand. Both see through the same glass, and both see the illusive vision of wealth and fame. The distinction is that bookmaking and patentmaking, which are failures, produce an army of desperate cranks, whose persistence of purpose is equaled only by the uselessness or impracticability of the book or patent. This age of invention has, however, produced one class of inventors called "fakes," which derives a livelihood by its schemes to draw the coins from the pockets of the better class of inventors.

The patent fake in some cities is becoming numerous, prosperous and bold. It is only a question of time until congress will have to suppress him.

The "patent fake," as distinguished from the legitimate agent, is so called because he runs an agency that is a pure fake. Any one can become a fake, and he doesn't need much knowledge of either patent laws or mechanical laws. The legitimate patent agent is a man of wide knowledge, easily commanded. The fake simply rents a suite of rooms and signs up his sign. Then he frequently begins the publication of a patent paper.

It isn't necessary for the paper to have any circulation, but is a good idea to send out several hundred sample copies to known inventors. Then he watches legitimate patent journals closely, and the publications and reports of the patent office, and when an invention is found that it is possible, he thinks, to induce its originator to back it up to the bottom of his purse, he writes him a ticklish letter.

HOW THE FAKIR WORKS.

He says something of this sort: That he "has regarded with deep interest your valuable invention." Continuing, he may state that he will be glad to put the article on sale, and a model will help him greatly. The last paragraph of the letter is to the effect that "the agency is publishing a paper of general circulation, and that a description of the patent will be printed for ten dollars; for a like amount the reading matter will be adorned with a cut of the invention, which is the property of the inventor after used once, but to properly and cheaply advertise the invention it is necessary to purchase 6,000 circulars at two dollars per 1,000, which the "agency" will mail to interested capitalists.

Here is a bonanza for the inventor for only thirty-two dollars! Publication in an illustrated journal and introduction to the wealth necessary to make his invention marketable. So he replies to the circular and incloses the necessary amount.

This is how the "agency" plays its part. When the thirty-two dollars is received a cheap cut is made and about two "articles" of descriptive matter printed. About three thousand circulars are printed, a bundle of which is sent to the inventor, and the remainder fed to old boreas from the houseposts. The paper may have little or no circulation, but still its circulation is "general."

The model of the patent which is forwarded is placed on "exhibition" for sale, and thus the agreement is nominally kept and no law is violated. Thus the "agency" is about twenty dollars better off without much hard work. When one stops to consider the enormous number of inventors who accept these proffers of help it can be seen how prosperous the business may be.

GULLIBLE INVENTORS.

It is said that one man who has been in this "fake" business in a city down east for many years has secured a vast fortune, and that he occupies several floors of a building with his offices. "No persons are more gullible than inventors," is the belief upon which the fake works.

But there are other schemes to interest inventors. Another agency method is to organize an "association" for inventors, the membership in which is all the way from ten dollars to twenty-five dollars. The inventor is not required to pay his membership fee until his patent has passed the "test" of the "examining board." Be that test successful or unsuccessful, the inventor receives a highly illuminated picture of an examining board examining inventions and passing judgments thereon. If his was successful he is eligible to membership, and if unsuccessful he must go elsewhere. There is no violation of the letter of the agreement which induces the inventor to join the association. The latter does all it promises, but all it promises can benefit him little.

Recently there came under the ban of the French government an academy of invention. The plan of this institution was to have a gradual system of investigation of the patents submitted, and each stage cost a few dollars additional. When the last one was reached medals were awarded at different prices, but the inventor seldom got off for less than fifty or seventy-five dollars. The "academy" was opened by an astute Parisian, who, while he had violated no law, was morally guilty of working a confidence game upon thousands of his countrymen.—Indianapolis News.

The father of a fretful baby consoled himself with thinking that after all he shouldn't know how to get along without it—in fact, that it was "a crying necessity."

Just received a large line of piano organs and other instruments, also a big stock of vocal and instrumental fello's at Muir's on Sixth street opposite postoffice. 31

OFFICIAL FOOD TESTS.

The United States and Canadian Governments Analyze the Baking Powders.

Comparative Strength and Purity of the Different Brands Officially Determined.

Prof. Haines, Consulting Chemist of the Chicago Board of Health, Gives His Opinion.

The public is always responsive to suggestion about the food it eats. Great interest has been taken in the investigations made by the United States and Canadian governments and by the different boards of health to show the purity or impurity of milk, baking powders, spices, and other articles of daily use in the culinary department of our households.

Just now the subject of baking powder is claiming public attention. We all desire pure and whole some bread and this cannot be had with the use of impure or poisonous baking powder. There can be no longer any question that all the cheaper lower grades of baking powders contain either alum, lime or phosphatic acid.

The official analyses by the United States and Canadian governments have therefore been studied with interest and have pretty clearly established the facts upon this subject. The United States government report gives the names of eighteen well-known powders, some of them advertised as pure cream of tartar baking powders, that contain alum.

The report shows that the Royal baking powder was found the highest in leavening strength, evolving 1006 cubic inches of gas per single ounce of powder. There were eight other brands of cream of tartar powders tested and their average strength was 1115 cubic inches of gas per ounce of powder.

The Canadian government investigations were of a still larger number of powders. The Royal baking powder was here also shown the purest and highest in strength, containing 12632 cubic inches of leavening gas per ounce of powder. Nine other cream of tartar powder ounce or powder were tested, their average strength being reported to be 89 cubic inches of gas per ounce.

These figures are very instructive to practical house-keeper. They indicate that the Royal baking powder goes more than 33 per cent, further in use than the others, or is one-third more economical. Still more important than this, however, they prove this popular article has been brought to the highest degree of purity—for its superlative purity this superiority in strength is due—and consequently that by its use we may be insured the purest and most wholesome food.

The powders of lower strength are found to leave large amounts of inert matters in the food. This fact is emphasized by the report of the Ohio State Food Commissioner, who, while finding the Royal practically pure, found no other powder to contain less than 10 per cent, of inert or foreign matters.

The public interest in this question has likewise caused to be made investigation by our local authorities. Prof. W. S. Haines, of Rush Medical College, consulting chemist of the Chicago Board of Health, has found resulting similar to those reported by the national and Canadian authorities. Dr. Haines says:

I have recently obtained samples of the chief baking powders in the market, and have subjected them to careful chemical examination to determine their purity, wholesomeness and leavening power. As the results of my test I find the Royal baking powder superior to all the others in every respect. It is entirely free from all adulteration and unwholesome impurity, and in baking it gives off a greater volume of leavening gas than any other powder. It is, therefore, not only the purest, but also the strongest powder with which I am acquainted.

WALTER S. HAINES, M. D., Consulting Chemist, Chicago Board of Health.

The statistics show that there is used in the manufacture of the Royal baking powder more than half of all the cream of tartar consumed in the United States for all purposes. The wonderful sale thus indicated for the Royal baking powder—greater than that of all other baking powders combined—is perhaps even a higher evidence than that already quoted of the superiority of this article, and of its indispensableness to modern cookery.

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OF DAILY PASSENGER TRAINS			
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No. 4	10:20 A. M.	No. 3	9:50 A. M.
No. 6	10:40 A. M.	No. 5	10:10 A. M.
No. 8	11:00 A. M.	No. 7	10:30 A. M.
No. 10	11:20 A. M.	No. 9	10:50 A. M.
No. 12	11:40 A. M.	No. 11	11:10 A. M.
No. 14	12:00 P. M.	No. 13	11:30 A. M.
No. 16	12:20 P. M.	No. 15	11:50 A. M.
No. 18	12:40 P. M.	No. 17	12:10 P. M.
No. 20	1:00 P. M.	No. 19	12:30 P. M.

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GERMAN METHODIST—Corner Sixth St and Granite. Rev. Hirt, pastor. Services: 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 10 A. M.

PRESBYTERIAN—Services in new church, corner Sixth and Granite Sts. Rev. J. T. Baird, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30; Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

The Y. M. C. C. Club's church meets every Sabbath evening at 7:15 in the basement of the church. All are invited to attend these meetings.

FIRST METHODIST—Sixth St., between Main and Pearl. Rev. L. N. Hirt, pastor. Services: 11 A. M. & 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 9:30 A. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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