

IT'S MARVELOUS MAGIC.

WONDERS ACCOMPLISHED BY A
HINDOO MAGICIAN.Seen by a Defender of Lucknow Who
Bears a Fine Reputation—His
Doors Do Perform Incom-
prehensible Feats.

Ex-Sergeant Major Farrell who spent seventeen years in India tells the following to the New York Sun: "One might be in India for years," said Farrell, "and never get sight of a high-caste conjurer. I had been there a long time before I saw one. It was in April, 1859, about a year after the siege, when I was one of a large military force then stationed at Lucknow. A conjurer gave a performance in a mess anteroom, and Col. Fielding of the royal Artillery invited a large number of officers and a few non-coms, including myself, to be present. Some of the officers who were there are still alive, among them Gen. A. Herbert, Sir H. Havelock Allen, Gen. Thomas Lightfoot, Gen. Barton, and Dennis Donohoe, now British Consul in San Francisco, all of whom will vouch for what I say.

"The performer was a tall, handsome man about 35 years of age, and he had the most lustrous, penetrating dark eyes that ever were seen in a human face. He entered the room accompanied by one attendant, who carried only a little flat box about ten inches long. The attendant took from the box a white cashmere shawl and spread it upon the floor, and the performer seated himself upon it. He directed his gaze slowly upon each one of the audience in turn, and then said to Col. Lightfoot: 'Will you hand to Col. Cooper the sovereign you have in your vest pocket?'

"Col. Lightfoot said he carried a sovereign as a pocket piece, but he wondered how the conjurer knew that. As he spoke, he felt in his pocket and a look of surprise came over his face. The sovereign was not there. The performer smiled and asked Col. Cooper to feel in his pocket. Cooper did so, and to his own astonishment found Col. Lightfoot's sovereign, which he returned to the latter. Holding the coin in his hand, Col. Lightfoot asked the performer how he managed it.

"'Manage what?' asked the man. 'How did you manage to get that coin from my pocket to Cooper's?'

"'I did not. It has not been out of your own pocket.'

"'But here it is,' said Col. Lightfoot, opening his hand. A look of blank amazement came into his face, for the coin which he had just taken in his hand was not there. The conjurer told him to feel in his pocket, and the sovereign was there.

"Before we recovered from our surprise the performer borrowed a marked rupee from Colonel Montgomery and laid it upon the shawl. He raised his finger and the rupee stood upon its edge, and at a sign rolled half way across the room and then stood still. At another sign it rolled back, and when opposite the performer it spun rapidly like a top for a moment and then disappeared.

"When asked how he did it the man quietly replied that he had done absolutely nothing, and that we only imagined we saw the coin spin around. The marked coin was found in Col. Montgomery's pocket.

"Then the basket trick was done, but not as Herrmann describes it. A basket four feet in diameter and three feet high was taken out of the attendant's little box before our eyes. The cook's daughter was called in and placed under the basket, and the next we knew the conjurer stood beside it with a spear in his hand. Nobody could tell where that spear came from. The man jabbed the spear down through the basket, the child shrieked, and the blood flowed out upon the floor. Several officers sprang forward with drawn swords terribly excited,

but the Hindoo calmly said: 'Nothing has happened,' and tipped the basket over with his bloody spear.

"Nothing was under the basket. The child came into the room through the door, and when we turned again to look at the conjurer he was seated upon the floor, and the basket, spear and blood stains were gone.

"He then took a short bamboo stick in his hand, threw the shawl over his arm so as to conceal the stick, and instantly he seemed to be seated cross-legged in the air, about two feet above the floor, supported by nothing but the cane under his hand. Lieut. Burns, an artilleryman, leaped quickly forward, seized the shawl, and twitched it away. No rod was there, and the man was seated upon the floor, although no movement of his body had been seen by anybody.

"Then he placed a silk handkerchief upon the floor, and instantly it seemed to be covered with a swarm of insects—golden and iridescent beetles, flies of brilliant hue—all squirming and running about. I turned to the man next me and said: 'Isn't that beautiful?'

"'Isn't that beautiful? I see nothing,' he rejoined, and when I turned my head again to look at the strange sight the handkerchief was clean and no insects were there at all.

"The man performed fourteen tricks in all, and every one was as incomprehensible as those I have described. While he was performing he never looked at the coins or other objects, but kept his eyes upon ours, his gaze ranging from one to another constantly. If a man started to leave the room, the Hindoo looked at him, and the man would sit down, all purpose gone from his mind.

"When it was all over the Hindoo smilingly informed us that we had seen literally nothing, but had imagined the whole affair, and we went away thoroughly bewildered. I was so dazed that I even lost my way back to the barracks. We talked it over the next day, but could make nothing of it. We even tore up the floor of the anteroom to see if the Hindoo had prepared for the performance by concealing a confederate under the floor, but there was no space between the boards and the ground. Afterward I met the same man, but he declared that I never had seen him, and that he never was in Lucknow in his life."

The high price of coal on Mexican railroads has resulted in the adoption of a novel type of compound engine on locomotives. The high pressure cylinder is contained in the low pressure cylinder, and a saving of 35 per cent in coal is obtained with only a little increase in weight.

"FOOLSCAP"

A Phrase That Comes Down to Us From
Cromwell's Time.

Everybody knows what "foolscap" paper is, but everybody does not know how it came to bear that name. In order to increase his revenues Charles I. granted certain privileges, amounting to monopolies, and among these was the manufacture of paper, the exclusive right of which was sold to certain parties, who grew rich, and enriched the government at the expense of those who were obliged to use paper.

At that time all English paper bore the royal arms in water-marks. The parliament under Cromwell made sport of this law in every possible manner, and among other indignities to the memory of Charles it was ordered that the royal arms be removed from the paper, that the fool's cap and bells should be used as a substitute.

When the Rump parliament was prorogued these were also removed; but paper of the size of the parliamentary journals, which is usually about seventeen by fourteen inches, still bears the name of "foolscap."

How seldom we get what we expect, or expect what we get.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE
OF JESUITS OR AMERICANS.

The Grand Island Independent says the Obligation Printed Alongside the Jesuit's Oath Below, is Used by the A. P. A.—It is Not—You Can Decide
What Class You Would Rather Have Govern This Country.

JESUIT'S OATH.

I, —, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and sacred host of heaven, and to you my ghostly father, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation that the pope is Christ's vicar-general and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth, and by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by Jesus Christ he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths, governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may safely be destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred mother church of Rome.

I do renounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, named Protestant, or obedience to any of their inferior magistrates or officers.

I do further declare the doctrine of the church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable, and those to be damned who will not forsake the same. I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be and to do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant doctrine, and to destroy all their pretended power, regal or otherwise. I do further promise and declare, that notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interest to keep secret and private all her agents counsels as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstance whatsoever, but to execute all which shall be proposed, given in charge or discovered unto me, by you my ghostly father.

All which I, —, do swear by the blessed trinity, and blessed sacrament which I am about to receive, to perform, on my part to keep inviolably; and do call on all the heavenly and glorious host of heaven to witness my real intentions to keep my oath. In testimony whereof, I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the eucharist, and witness the same further with my hand and seal, in the face of this holy convent.

Now, what do you think of that? Is that not a nice thing for an American (?) citizen to wear around in this country? Swears to support the holy church (the pope) without a mental reservation, no difference in what country he may be. Swears to help destroy all heretic (Protestant) governments. Swears that he will not obey Protestant officers or magistrates. Swears that all governments are illegal unless confirmed by the church. Swears to aid in breaking down Protestantism. Swears to be solely and wholly a Roman—the obedient servant, to willing tool of the man in Rome.

A. P. A. OBLIGATION.

Grand Island Independent: The following is the obligation taken by persons joining the A. P. A. as shown by the working book as explained by cipher explanation of blank spaces found in said book:

WORKING BOOK OBLIGATION.

Deputy—You will repeat after me the following obligation, giving your name in full. (Persons affirming will raise the right hand.)

I, —, in the presence of Almighty God, and these witnesses, do solemnly promise, declare and swear, that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States, and the state where I reside; I will keep inviolate the secrets of this organization; I will obey its constitution and laws; I will use my best endeavors to promote civil and religious liberty; I will not knowingly vote for, recommend for, nor appoint, nor assist in electing, or appointing a Roman Catholic nor any person sympathizing with Roman Catholicism, to any political position whatever, and in all my public and political action will be governed by the principles of this order; I will oppose all attempts to use the public funds for any sectarian purpose whatever and will ever maintain the great principle of one general unsectarian free school organization; I will never reveal any of the signs, grips, words, passwords or other mysteries of this order, or the names of any of its members, or its numerical strength, to the uninitiated; I will hold these principles above my party affiliation; I will always give a brother of this order preference in all matters of business and also in my act of elective franchise, all things being equal. I will make prompt reports to the chief recording secretary of every initiation made by me. I will advocate the principles of this order. I will use my best endeavors to initiate all true men, and in this way help spread the order; all this I voluntarily promise, declare and swear (or affirm) without hesitation or mental reservation, or any self evasion of mind in me, whatever, so help me God." (Recently incorporated as the American League.)

How many of you who have taken the A. P. A. obligation would recognize the above as that used by the order? What outsider, after reading the Jesuit's oath in the preceding column, believes even that obligation wrong? Is it not the height of impudence for rascals, for traitors, to try to call a halt in the American movement? That oath shows what the Jesuits are here for. It shows they wear the livery of heaven to serve the devil in. While they fawn upon short-sighted Protestants they have their minions working to destroy the government which furnished them a haven when driven from nearly every nation upon the earth. For our part we would not hesitate to choose between the two oaths. We are purely and simply an American, who believes it the duty of every man who comes to live in this country and swears allegiance to the United States, to so swear allegiance as not to have a mental reservation in favor of the pope. We believe in the above obligation, and care little who knows it.