

CLEVER "CON" GAMES.

TWO OCCASIONS WHEN SWINDLERS USED THEIR BRAINS.

English Pair Appreciated Their Own Smartness and Could Not Resist the Temptation to Boast—French Method of Getting a Visitor's Money.

After carrying through a clever swindle which netted them \$1,400 recently, two London "crooks," named Grainger and Rice, became so puffed up over their smartness that they boasted of their exploit and through boasting came to grief. They began operations by forging a check for £250, signing it with the name of a man who had a big balance in his bank. Then Grainger "made up" to resemble the person whose name was being used and, waiting until the man had gone out to luncheon, slipped into his office and into the telephone box. At the same time Rice appeared at the bank and presented the check. He said he was a new clerk of the man whose name was on the check, but the cashier refused to give the money to him until he was identified. Rice said his employer wanted the money right away and suggested that he be called up over the telephone at this office. This was done and Grainger, at the other end, answered the telephone bell and said, of course, that the check was all right and "please hurry and give the man the money." Then he left the office without it being discovered that he was not the proprietor of the place, and, meeting Rice, the two divided the money and made off.

The fraud was not discovered until the victim returned from luncheon. It is probable that the two crooks would not have been caught had they not boasted indiscreetly of what they had done, which boasting reached the ears of the police, with the result that both swindlers are now in jail.

A camera enabled two hard-up "confidence men" to reap the comfortable sum of \$4,000 in Paris last summer. Their victim was a Frenchman, who had returned from abroad with this sum to spend a pleasant holiday and see the exhibition. The swindlers found out all about him and began operations by taking a snapshot of him as he stood looking up at the Eiffel tower. Pleased at finding himself the object of their art, he asked them if he could have a copy of the photograph. They gave him a card and asked him to call. The picture was an excellent one, and the victim asked the photographers to dine with him. This gave them the opportunity to discover where his money was. He had it sewn in his waistcoat lining. When he left he had promised to visit their studio next day, and pose for them as Henry IV. On his arrival he laid aside his modern garments for the splendid costume that awaited him. He then posed before the camera. The bell rang, and the photographer said: "Excuse me one minute. Don't lose that pose; it is splendid." The Frenchman posed in solitude for several minutes before it occurred to him that there was anything wrong. Then he turned. His clothes were gone. He rushed into the street, shouting, "Thieves!" The police arrived; but his fantastic garb caused his arrest as a lunatic. Meantime the swindlers escaped.

PARIS NOT COMMON.

A City of Strange Experiences and Incredible Paradoxes.

There are people who assert that of late years Paris has become common. What an error! It is still as picturesque, as romantic, as extravagant, as in the best days of its past. Paris remains the strange town where the most incredible paradoxes are verified, where the most foolish dreams are realized, and where all that is good, bad and indifferent may still be found. The other day a madman was found in a hollow pillar that supported the principal gate leading to the exhibition. Recently the police discovered a Diogenes testing the cold on the Place de la Concorde, looking for the cold, with the thermometer registering eight degrees of frost. A rich, well-to-do Diogenes!

In contradistinction to this, there are hundreds who live in huts outside the city, huts that a Kaffir would scorn to live in. There are the hundreds of vagabonds who have, as Ray Blas, "God for their host," and who seek a shelter in buildings under construction. In any and every nook not already occupied. Why, only a few days ago, when some men pitched a basket into a wagon at the Central market, out rolled a man. "It is I, Jean," growled the voice, "didn't you know me?" They did not know him. The man had slept in a basket at the market for the last ten days.

For people to talk of Paris as having become common is absurd. Paris is still Paris.—Paris Messenger.

Superstitious Herring Fishermen.
Herring fishermen are, many of them, remarkably superstitious. For instance, on some fishing boats whistling is forbidden, and neither milk nor burnt bread is allowed aboard. Further, ermore, not even the name of that unlucky animal, the hare, may be mentioned, and a common method of punishing the enemy is to throw a dead hare into his boat.

An Ambition to Rise.
"I refuse to give you any more than a nickel, sir. You look like a drinking man."
"I must have at least 15 cents. I am burning with ambition to get into the high-ball class and I beg you to reconsider."—Indianapolis News.

WRITES WITH BOTH HANDS.

Wonderful Feat of Penmanship Performed by an Australian.

Wrigger writing is, it would seem, a popular way of earning a livelihood with the inmates of Rowton house, a 6-penny hotel. Here is an amusing story of the perfection to which it may be brought by practice and a strong will.

"There is a tradition lingering among the older brethren of the wrigger writing profession to the effect that once upon a time, when the work was better paid than now, a young man from Australia turned up and ventured as a last resource into their sphere of labor. He spent his all and found himself stranded until funds should arrive from the antipodes. So, on the suggestion of an acquaintance, he applied for a job at the world-famed firm of Schmidt & Co. On being duly installed and supplied with 500 envelopes and some pages from a directory he looked around and asked for a pen.

"But you have one already," said the young man in authority.
"I want two," said the Australian, and an interested and obliging fellow scribe supplied his need. The scene which thereupon ensued baffles description, for the colonial, separating the pile of envelopes into two equal lots, began copying the addresses by writing simultaneously with both hands. So runs the legend, at least, and further, more, it is averred that his rapidity was such as to put the 'sloggers' to shame. Fifty pens, dropped from the nerveless grasp of those who but a minute before had been writing against time and as if for dear life. A hundred eyes were fixed in astonishment on the unknown one. Presently the young overseer who superintended the labors of many old enough to be his grandfather rose and timidly said he would consult the governor." The latter arrived, and, the situation being explained, the Australian was turned into a loose box all by himself and fed with another thousand or so of envelopes. At this rate he earned enough in two or three weeks to enable him to last out comfortably till his remittances arrived; then he went home and Schmidt's knew him no more. We asked the old gentleman who told us this yarn to fill his pipe and have another cup of tea, for we thought he deserved both.

—London Telegraph.

DEAN FARRAR.

Famous Churchman and Author Reported Critically Ill in a London.

The Very Rev. Frederick W. Farrar, dean of Canterbury, whose critical illness was recently reported from London, is accounted the most eminent and eloquent pulpit orator in England. Dean Farrar is now 70 years old. He was ordained deacon in 1854 by the Bishop of Salisbury, and three years later was admitted into holy orders by



DEAN FARRAR.

the Bishop of Ely. Until 1871 he was one of the masters at Harrow, and for five years thereafter was head master of Marlborough College, a position he held with great distinction. Among his other offices was that of honorary chaplain to the Queen and chaplain in ordinary. In 1883 he was appointed archdeacon of Westminster, and in 1895 he was given his present office in the church. Dean Farrar has written voluminously upon religious and philosophical topics, but his fame will rest upon his "Life of Christ," which was published in 1874.

RECENT JUDICIAL DECISIONS.

Negligent handling of a derrick near a railroad track by employees of the State is held, in New York, N. H. & H. R. Co. vs. Baker (C. C. A. 2d Cir., 50 L. R. A. 201, not sufficient to make the railroad company liable for injuries to a passenger on a train who was injured in consequence.

Municipal grant to a street-railway company of the privilege of using its streets for the conveyance of electricity is held, in *Charlottesville Electric Light Co. vs. Charlottesville (Mich.)*, 50 L. R. A. 142, to constitute a valid franchise and contract within the protection of the Federal constitution; but an attempt to make such franchise exclusive was held void.

The administrator of one who during the owner's lifetime died in possession of chattels, under an agreement by which she was to have the use of them during her life, and that of the owner, is held, in *Salter vs. Sutherland (Mich.)*, 50 L. R. A. 140, to have no title which will support an action for their possession against a third person who wrongfully took possession of them after the death of the bailor.

Heart Disease from Bicycling.
A curious effect of hard cycling is reported from France. Out of the last batch of conscripts no fewer than eight widely known cyclists were rejected as being physically incapable of military duty. Diseases of the heart were the chief reasons for their rejection. This causes profound astonishment, all classes thinking them at least fit to be accepted as military cyclists.

It is said that the Rock of Gibraltar has seventy miles of tunnels.

The lowest tides known occur at Panama, where the difference between high and low water is about two feet.

The children of the poor in Japan are labeled, so that they may be returned to their homes in case they should go astray.

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The slangy girl was evidently displeased. "You are a lobster!" she cried. Although somewhat taken aback, the young man proved himself equal to the emergency. "You are just the mayonnaise for me," he retorted. This delicate bit of repartee caused her heart to go out to him at once.

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Matter of Economy.
"Miss Sharp—Vera" he began "you must know why I've been coming here so much; why I sit here in the parlor with you night after night, and—
"I suppose, Mr. Pinchpenny?" Miss Vera Sharp interrupted. "It's cheaper to do that than to take me out anywhere."—Philadelphia Press.

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Had to Leave.
"I'll have to leave your service, sir," said the coachman to the trust magnate.

"I'm sorry to hear that, John. Why?"
"Every time I drive out, sir, I hear people say, 'There goes the scoundrel!' and I don't know which of us they mean."—Philadelphia Times.

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The Obvious Explanation.
"Tilford," asked the teacher of the astronomy class, "how do you account for the eccentric motion of the moon in its orbit around the world?"
"I guess it's tryin' to put on a curve," replied the baseball player of the class.—Chicago Tribune.

Not Incongruous.
"He has a weak chin, I should say."
"Decidedly! It is precisely the sort of chin you would not be surprised to see a napkin tucked under at dinner."—Detroit Journal.

The only surviving pensioner of the War of 1812 is Hiram Crank, of Dunn Brook, N. Y. He recently celebrated the 101st anniversary of his birth.

The Foxless Fox Hunt.

Hounds of all kinds can be taught easily to follow any particular scent, therefore in selecting a substitute for the scent of a fox a strong one is necessary if pace be the object. The red herring or turned bones answers this purpose, but aniseed is stronger and more lasting. But it is the oil of anise that is used, and it is not put in a bag but sprinkled on a small piece of cotton cloth, just as cologne water is put on a handkerchief. The piece of cloth is not necessarily dragged over the ground, but may flutter in the air behind the dragoon, to whom it is attached by a piece of cord, leaving a scent that can be followed by hounds an hour, or more afterward if it be a good scenting day. Sometimes the scent is put on a felt pad worn on the dragoon's shoe just in front of the heel.

The most effective "drag" is said to be a combination of one part of valerian, two parts oil of anise and four parts castor oil.—New York Tribune.

Woman as a Home-Maker.
Plenty of people imagine that when they have built a large house with all modern improvements, and have bid one firm decorate, and another furnish it regardless of expense, there will be "a home ready to walk into." This is a mistake. One cannot walk into a ready-made home any more than into a ready-made friendship; both must be built up bit by bit, until the result is felt to be almost part of one's self and therefore not likely to be parted with.

The "home" atmosphere comes quite as much from the furniture and arrangement thereof as from the house itself—in other words the woman effed with the home-making power will shed her own personality over every house she inhabits; whereas a woman without this lovable power will have a handsome house which yet is short of a home.

Then the Trouble Began.
"Father," said the small boy, "what is polygamy?"
The old gentleman made sure that his wife was not listening before he answered. "Polygamy," he said, "is the name given to a method of acquiring trouble by the wholesale."—Chicago Post.

Why He Doesn't Work.
Mrs. Strongmind—"Why don't you go to work?"
"Tramp—"Please, mum, I made a solemn vow, twenty years ago, that I'd never do another stroke of work till women are paid th' same wages as men."

Hotel Towels.
Hotel Keeper—"Yes sir, you'd be surprised at the number of towels we lose—hundreds every year, sir—hundreds."
"Traveler—"Ah, yes; I see. Guests mistake 'em for handkerchiefs."

Mere Matter of Time.
Mrs. Binks—"How does it happen that Mrs. Next-door can afford to dress better than I can?"
Mr. Binks—"They haven't been married long, and I presume he isn't quite broke yet."

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