

SHAMS AND FRAUDS.

Some Unvarnished Truths About "Sasslety" at the National Capital.
Although there is a great show and any amount of "social position" and "rank" in Washington, there is not an equal amount of wealth to support it in two-thirds of the cases. The majority of those who shine in society and are the most prominent and irrepressible are dependent on Government salaries, and it takes close management to make them suffice for plain living and a place in society. Many of the Senators are wealthy; but they are the only ones, as a class, who have great wealth; and the moneyed people, as the rich winter residents who come only as private citizens are called, are easily counted. Each season Washington runs over with heiresses, and penniless girls, and widows who come to Washington as to a great matrimonial market, and wear themselves half out in the struggle to get into and keep in society. Rich men never come to hunt for wives in this modern Smithfield, and when a New York millionaire did take a Washington bride it was a pretty girl in straitened circumstances, who had never been known in the society army and navy garrisons and legation balls. Young army and naval officers are the most mercenary lot of all, and they invariably save up their leaves of absence to spend them in Washington during the winter months. One miscreant in epaulets once horrified some married ladies by saying: "It pays us poor fellows on short commons to pass a season in Washington sending bouquets and spend all our money on the girls, for all the rich girls go there, and their fortunes are only equivalents for the social position that we can give them."

Sometimes these gay speculators get terribly sold, as not every papa that passes for a millionaire is really one, and heiress is a name very easily ticketed to a girl who dresses well. Recently there has been a notorious case of one of these uniformed fortune-hunters getting the supposed heiress after a long siege, only to find too late that the fortune was all in the air, vanished, gone up like smoke. To balance this there is the case of another young officer, who, although engaged to a great heiress now in Europe finishing her French and buying her trousseau, longs to be released from those golden fetters to marry a penniless orphan employed in one of the departments here. People who believe in the old-fashioned love stories admire and sympathize deeply with this crooked course of true love, but his brother officers think the distracted youth a plain and simple lunatic.

A joke is often told on one very punctilious army officer, who in the course of frontier experience found his ex-laundress the wife of a Congressman. The laundress' rise and the growth of her husband's fortune could not bring the ladies of the fort to recognize her, and this particular officer, although now a General, could remember some stormy scenes, when, as a poor young Lieutenant, he had scored and upbraided the laundress about matters of starch, buttons and plain mending. She fell in his way next at some celebration or event where her husband, the Congressman, was in one of the front carriages of the procession, and she, the gorgeous figure, on the platform crowded with the distinguished people of the day. The General in his uniform was introduced and her voice and face sent his memory chasing backwards. Just about as the identity was becoming clear her talk went on to the winter that she had just passed in Washington. Her comments on society and people at the capital wound up consolingly with this: "O, yes! I found, too, that army officers go in quite good society at Washington." When this got into army gossip it furnished as much amusement as a remark that once rose above the hum of voices at a dinner party here when the same woman, who looked sixty and wore a raven-black wig over a face seamed with a hundred wrinkles, snarlingly said: "Yes, I mean to wear baby blue until I am thirty."—*Washington Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

Have to Argue.

A man, upon entering a yard surrounding a cabin, was bitten by a dog. Just then an old negro came out, and nodding to the man who was writhing in pain, said:

"De animal bite yer, sah?"

"Of course he did. Came very near tearing me all to pieces."

"Sorry sah, but I tells yer what's er fact. Yer ken boas' dat yer wuz bit by de fines' dog in dis neighborhood. I gin ten dollars yeah er fo' las' fur dat pup, an' I'se found dat he's with it."

"You good for nothing old hound, I ought to knock your head off."

"W'y? Jes besea se I gin so much fur de dog? W'a n'one o'er bus'ness how much I paid ez laung ez it wuz my money. I declar' ter goodness, white folks is gittin' so' cutis an' particuler dese days dat er person doan know how ter please em. Come er makin' er mount er roon heah case I seed fit ter buy er valuable dog. Better git outen dis yard an' go on erbont yer bus'ness."

When the indignant man had gone, the old rascal, turning to his wife, said: "Polly, yer got tergaty wid white folks dese days for yer doan da ain' gwine 'spect yer."—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

Miseries of Jury Duty.

"I'll never serve on another jury as long as I live," said one of the Mequade jurors to a friend.

"Yes it must be very tiresome," replied the friend.

"It is, indeed, but that's not what I'm complaining about."

"The loss of time is not repaid by the two dollars a day jury fee!"

"I didn't mind the loss of time so much. It was not the loss of time that galled me."

"What is it that exasperated you so much?"

"One of the morning papers described me as 'a big headed young man with ears like transparent turrets'."—*Texas Siflings.*

'Twould Take a Big Dam.

Some of the professors of De Veaux college have figured out a singular fact. It is two miles from the Horseshoe Falls to De Veaux college, down the river. Supposing an enormous stop-gate to be placed in the river opposite the college, in such a manner as to stop the water, how long do you think it would take for the water to fill up that immense gorge to the top of the high banks? Less than a minute! This seems like a big story, but if figures won't lie, that would be the result of the experiment. I don't think, however, that it is in any danger of its being tried in the near future.—[Rochester Post-Express.]

The Best Stimulant.

The best stimulant for persons who have been exposed to cold is champagne. Owing to its diffusive quality, it acts more quickly than brandy or whisky. If a more powerful effect is wanted brandy and champagne should be taken alternately. But this remedy should never be used except by persons actually suffering from a shock. It takes under ordinary circumstances a scene apt to follow.

Gems in Paris.

Gems are coming in again. Crosses made of these stones were worn during Advent as half-mourning by very scrupulous Catholics; while the prejudice against opals seems to have worn away. I have seen many of these stones recently mounted with diamonds in rings. A new and fashionable way to wear cat's-eyes and moonstones is to have them set in little gold rings with four tiny loops of the metal, by which means they may be worn on black velvet bands for the throat.—[Paris Correspondence Jewelers' Weekly.]

Overwork.

A petted boy in New Hampshire was sometimes invited to bring in an armful of wood, and sometimes to go to the post-office for the mail, one-eighth of a mile distant. He rebelled one day and broke in the most excited manner: "I don't care; my father may kill me if he wants to, but I won't go to the office and bring in wood the same day!" Another urchin 4 years old, was requested by his mother to pick up a basket of apples under the trees. His response was: "No; I shan't do it. I have to read in school and I want to save my strength for that!"—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

In the United States Senate, during a recent debate, Senator Vest of Missouri, paid high tribute to the merits of St. Jacobs Oil. Other prominent men have also found it prompt in its cure of rheumatism and neuralgia. Price, fifty cents a bottle.

There is Something Lower.

"From duds down to loafers," was the expression uttered by a commercial traveler, as he vainly essayed to separate the ligaments of a just-done breakfast. The listener did not catch the rest of the remark, but the words that came to his ears were very suggestive. "From duds down to loafers!" Then the dude is not the lowest specimen of the man species.—[Buffalo Express.]

Throat Troubles Yield Promptly to Red Star Cough Cure, as Vouched for by U. S. Architect Clark.

Its ingredients are purely vegetable and free from opiates. 25 cents.

Willing to Quit.

A good story is told of an interview with H. H. Bingham with one of the state borderers at Windsor. Some of the prisoners were at work lathing the guard-room during a recent official visit of the Governor, and the latter was inspecting the progress of the work. After contemplating the process for a few minutes, Gov. Bingham remarked: "See here, my man, you are laying those laths too near together, that sort of work will never do." The prisoner calmly laid down his implements and said: "Governor, I am willing to be turned off and discharged if my work don't suit; I never applied for this job or the situation, and if my work isn't satisfactory I am willing to quit." The offer was not accepted.—[Montpelier (Vt.) Journal.]

"There is no place like home," but every home should be supplied with a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup,—the great family remedy for all cases of Coughs, Colds, & C. 25 cents.

At Odessa the Russians are discharging all Jews in their employ.

FAVORED BY FORTUNE.

People Who Invest Small Amounts and Secure Large Returns.
San Francisco Cal., Jan. 10.

Scarcely a month passes but what the papers are called upon to record what might be termed the luck of some Californian in acquiring large sums by means of small investments. It is an old saying that "nothing risked nothing gained," and the practical application of this time-honored maxim to every-day life is a sufficient explanation of the so-called "luck" of many business men. For several years past the daily papers have periodically contained items, detailing the manner in which well-known residents of this city and state have won prizes in the Louisiana State Lottery. The drawings of this admirably managed institution occur every month, and with the same regularity as the rotation of months the announcements are made of people who have risked a trifle and won large sums, frequently a fortune. The last drawing occurred on December 14th last, and as usual a resident of San Francisco won a tenth part of the capital prize of \$150,000. The fortunate holder of a coupon of ticket No. 93,174, which won that prize, was Nat. M. Raphael, the well-known jeweler, at 732 Market street in this city. To a reporter the gentleman said: "I have been buying a few coupon tickets every month for the past seven or eight years. The last drawing I held a coupon which was a tenth of the ticket No. 93,174, and on the day following the drawing when I read in the newspaper of the winning call that one of the numbers I had held drawn the capital prize I was almost dizzy with surprise. I could hardly convince myself that I had at last become one of the fortunate ones of whom I had so often read. However, I finally realized that I was actually entitled to the money, so I immediately went to the London and San Francisco bank and deposited my ticket for collection. Eleven days later I received the full amount of \$15,000 in gold coin."

Another lucky man was Fred. R. Brown, a shoemaker, living on Bitch street. To a reporter he stated that he had very frequently bought coupons in the Louisiana State Lottery, but had never won a dollar. He had almost given up in despair, when he bought one-tenth of ticket No. 92,507 which drew one-tenth of the third capital prize of \$20,000. During the holiday week he received the money, and he rejoiced that he had persisted in his efforts until success came to him.

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INJUSTICE CORRECTED.

CONVINCING VERIFICATION OF WIDECAST PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

To the readers of this paper: In common with many publishers and editors, we have been accustomed to look upon certain statements which we have seen in our columns as merely adroit advertising.

Consequently we feel justified in taking the liberty of printing a few points from a private letter recently received from one of our largest patrons, as a sort of confession of faith to our readers. We quote:

"We have convinced ourselves that by telling what we know to be true, we have produced at last a permanent conviction in the public mind. Seven years ago we stated what the national disease of this country was, and that it was rapidly increasing. Three years ago we stated that a marked check had been given it.

"The statistics of one of the largest life insurance companies of this country shows that in 1883 and 1884, the mortality from kidney disorders did not increase over the previous years; other companies stated the same thing. It is not presumption for us to claim credit for checking these ravages.

"Seven years ago we stated that the condition of the kidneys was the key to the condition of health; within the past five years all careful life insurance companies have conceded the truth of this statement, for, whereas, ten years ago, chemical analysis to determine the condition of the kidneys was not required, to-day millions of dollars in risks are refused, because chemical examination discovers unsuspected diseases of the kidneys.

"Seven years ago we stated that the ravages of Bright's Disease were insignificant compared with other unsuspected disorders of the kidneys of many misleading names; that ninety-three per cent. of human ailments are attributable to deranged kidneys, which fills the blood with ureic acid, or kidney poison, which causes these many fatal diseases.

"The uric acid, or kidney poison, is the real cause of the majority of cases of paralysis, apoplexy, heart disease, convulsions, pneumonia, consumption, and insanity; over half the victims of consumption are first the victims of diseased kidneys.

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The writers of the above letter give these facts to the public simply to justify the claims that they have made, that "if the kidneys and liver are kept in a healthy condition by the use of Warner's safe cure, which overcomes all diseases caused by the use of Warner's safe cure, which hundreds of thousands have proved to be specific, when all other remedies failed, and that has received the endorsement of the highest medical talent in Europe, Australasia and America, many a life would be prolonged and the happiness of the people preserved. It is successful with so many different diseases because it, and it alone, can remove the uric acid from the blood through the kidneys."

Our readers are familiar with the preparation named.

Commendation thereof has often appeared in our columns.

We believe it to be one of the best, if not the best ever manufactured. We know the proprietors are men of character and in

repute.

We are certain they have awakened widespread interest in the public mind concerning the importance of the kidneys. We believe with them that they are the key to health, and that for their restoration from disease and maintenance in health, there is nothing equal to this great remedy.

The proprietors say they "do not glory in this universal prevalence of disease, but having started out with the purpose of spreading the merits of Warner's safe cure before the world, because it cured our senior proprietor, who was given up by doctors as incurable, we feel it our duty to state the facts and leave the public to its own inferences. We point to our claims, and to their public and universal verification with pride, and if the public does not believe what we say, we tell them to ask their friends and neighbors what they think about our preparations."

As stated above, we most cordially commend the perusal of this correspondence by our readers, believing that in so doing, we are fulfilling a simple public obligation.

The Indian reservations of the United States contain 200,000 square miles.

No Opium in Piso's Cure for Consumption. Cures where other remedies fail. 25c.

A high license bill has been introduced in the New York legislature.

If Sufferers From Consumption,

Seroflora, Bronchitis, and General Debility

will try SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, they will find immediate relief and permanent benefit. The Medical Profession universally declare it a remedy of the greatest value and very palatable. Read: "I have used Scott's Emulsion in several cases of Seroflora and Debility in Children. Results most gratifying. My little patients take it with pleasure."

W. A. HULBERT, M. D., Salisbury, Ill.

Fred Douglas and Theodore Tilton were taken for brothers in Paris.

The Iowa Seed Co., of Des Moines, Iowa, is a western institution, conducted by practical men, who study the needs of western producers. Their advertisement appears in another column. New illustrated catalogue just out. Send for a copy, free.

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Dr. Pierce's "Pellets" cure sick and bilious headache, sour stomach, and all bilious attacks.

Sand paper is at present made of pounded glass instead of sand.

The Housekeeper's Complaint.

"I am discouraged. I have too much to do. I am tired. I am sick. I suppose I was put into this house to keep it clean, but it is too much work. I won't try. I will go to sleep. I don't care what becomes of the house."

The above is an allegory. The discouraged housekeeper is the liver, which, indeed, is often called "the housekeeper of our health." If it does go to sleep as it threatened, a crowd of diseases are all ready to spring up as a consequence. Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" acts upon the liver and assists it in its work of housekeeping and house-cleaning. It is the great liver remedy and blood cleanser, and cures all the long train of chronic maladies resulting from a torpid or sluggish, sleepy liver, such as sick-headache, seroflora, diseases, ulcers, "fever-sores," "white swellings," hip-joint disease, consumption of the lungs (which is really only seroflora manifesting itself in the delicate tissues of these organs), also all skin diseases, as blotches, pimples and eruptions, and all blood taints, however acquired.

New York consumes, weekly, 5,268,455 cans of milk of 40 gallons each.

Favoritism.

is a bad thing, but Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" deserves its name. It is a certain cure for those painful maladies and weaknesses which embitter the lives of many women. Of druggists.

Wounded Knee is the name of a new postoffice in Shannon county, Dakota.

War Ahead.

There is great danger of war with Mexico in the near future, but at present we can pursue the arts of happiness, prosperity and wealth. Wherever you live, you should write to Hallett & Co., Portland, Maine, and receive free, full information about work that you can do, and live at home, earning thereby from \$5 to \$25 and upwards daily. Some have earned over \$50 a day. Capital not required; you are started free. All is new; both sexes. All ages, Pay, as above guaranteed, from first start.

Emma Abbott will sing in Paris soon. This is cheerful news for America.

Strictly Vegetable is Strictly True
When applied to Carter's Little Liver Pills.
No mercury.

Last year \$60