## How Swindlers Dodge the Law ed the authorities is a difficult one. In the first place, where the mails

Schemes of Fleecing the Public Have Evolved from the ernment must choose its witnesser Shell Game to Gigantic Frauds, Wearing the Cloak of Legitimate Business Enterprises.

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of the business, and it affords a de-

aminer a confederate of the man with

\$500 to \$2,500 for making the exam-

ination, according to the size of the

business whose securities are to be

marketed; then, after getting the

money, he will make the examination

and return an unfavorable re-

port, which releases the first swind-

ler of his obligation to take the bonds

under the contract. Then, of course,

the two divide the fee for the exam-

ination between them. This scheme

and one or two others very closely al-

lied in principle were flourishing until

they fell into the hands of the federal

"Whoever, being a director, man-

Under this statute, the difficulty is

false prospectus. Some of our courts

have held that the issuing of a false

prospectus is a scheme to defraud

States revised statutes. Other courts

however, hold to the contrary; but,

whether by judicial interpretation or

fense in court



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For many years Chicago has been the headquarters for the swindlers and confidence men of the country. Chicago being the great railroad and distributing center of the west, strangers are drawn here in great numbers and for many years they have supported a large class of men who live by their wits. Because of the ease with which money is obtained by various kinds of swindles the swindler has flourished in Chicago despite the utmost vigilance and activity of the officers of the law both state and federal. In devising authorities here in Chicago. schemes, swindlers always have in view two objects: First, obtaining money for nothing; second, evading the law. The ingenuity displayed by these men is often remarkable. As the attorney for one of them remarked after his client had been convicted:

"If that man had used the same ingenuity and persistence in legitimate business that he has in inventing swindles, he would now be a millionaire."

have been used, the victims are wide ly scattered, and it is difficult to know who has been swindled, and the govfrom those who happen to make complaint. These witnesses are scattered from Maine to California. It is necessary to bring them here for the preliminary hearing, then for the grand jury session and once more for the trial of the case. Much labor and expense are necessary. Then, too, it is necessary for the

attorney who draws the indictment to go through correspondence and the be making some show of operating various conversations with the greatit; if it is an oil company or any est care in order that he may analyze other kind of a fake corporation, there the scheme and determine exactly in will be some show of activity. Under what the fraud consists, so that the this scheme, the victim has his share indictment may be accurately drawn. Then at the trial of the case, the govof stock, and the mine, or the oil well, or the plantation, or whatever it is, ernment is, perhaps, confronted with is there; and, according to the swindthe fact that the scheme has been so ler, all the stockholder has to do is cleverly devised that direct intent to to wait until the property is "develdefraud is impossible of proof, and reoped." This tends to keep the victim sort must be had to circumstantial from prosecuting, for, of course, & evidence, prosecution would destroy the value

The records show, however, that the government has very seldom lost

a case of this kind, and that swindlers and confidence men stand in the Another scheme allied to this was one in which a number of clever greatest fear of the federal authorities swindlers cleaned up a large amount because of the vigor of prosecution in of money. A man would advertise the past. If the law could be amendthat he had ample capital to invest ed as above suggested, undoubtedly in the securities of corporations prothe government would be able to vided a competent examiner, after reach and suppress a large majority thorough investigation, makes a favof the schemes to defraud that are orable report upon the proposition. now operated from this city. The victim is led to choose as the ex-

One of the surprising things in connection with this subject, is the capital. The examiner will receive credulity of the average person who has saved a little money, and hopes for large and immediate returns from it. It seems that there is nothing so extravagant, so improbable, that the people will not believe it. If the stock of any company had any chance of earning the dividends which these promoters represent that it will, of course it would be subscribed and over-subscribed for at once by the big be peddled around at absurd pricesoften as low as ten cents a share. When this is suggested to the promoter, he always states that the big

moneyed men are trying to get hold This latter scheme, it will be obof the stock, but that it is not desired served, is more dangerous than the selling of worthless stocks and bonds that they should have 't, because they to the public, for the reason that it can be proved that the swindler was not in the position to purchase these explanation.

bonds even if a favorable report had The swindler usually has a confedbeen made. In the case of these corerate to whom he refers the victim porations which exist in large numwho wishes to learn about his standbers and who are robbing the people ing and integrity; and it seems the of the country of millions every year, victim rushes right to this confederit is very difficult to secure conviction ate instead of going to banks or busi of their promoters in a majority of ness men and making inquiries from cases. When they are arrested and people upon whom he could rely. brought into court, they are ready to-Every prospective purchaser should show that they were really carrying stop and ask himself the question: on some kind of a business, and that "Why is this stock being peddled they have been simply unfortunate, around in this manner? Is it possible that expectations had not been realizthat a good safe investment would be dred. ed, and that a business failure is not so handled when so much money is a crime. The great difficulty is to in the hands of men who are compe-In the past both our state and fedtent to pass upon the safety of an eral courts have so interpreted the investment? Who are the men back law against schemes to defraud that of this scheme and what are their anthey have been able to suppress or tecedents? At what banks, or at what ourb these schemes, whatever form established business houses are they they took. Just what is to be the atknown as honest, conservative men of titude of the courts towards the business?"

DEAR LITTLE CHAP.

Bob-Say, ma, were men very scarce when you married pa, or did you just feel sorry for him?

DOCTOR SAID "USE CUTICURA"

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moneyed men, and would not have to OBJECT LESSON FOR CHILDREN.

Good Point.

The mayor and the state superintend- the safest and most practical on the end had spent an hour talking to the market to-day. In the first place, Dr. would then come into control of the children in an Ohio school, and just Earl S. Sloan is the son of a veterinproperty; and the victim swallows the before the stroke of the gong the ary surgeon, and from his earliest inchairman of the local school commit- fancy he was associated with horses. tee was called upon to follow them. "Children," he said, pointing toward yet very young. He practiced as a vetthe window, "as you go out from the erinary for 20 years and has battled school in about two minutes you will successfully with every disease to see a gang of men who are now shovel- which that animal is subject. are earning \$35 a month. "Beside them is a timekeeper earning \$55. ing his profession.

VIRGINIA MERCHANT RID OF A VERY BIG GRAVEL STONE. Another Remarkable Cure of Seriou Kidney Trouble.

TEASTER STATESTA

C. L. Wood, a prominent merchant of Fentress, Norfolk Co., Va., was suffering some months

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ART LONG, CREDIT SHORT.



living?" "He's an artist." "I know, so am I. But what docs he do for a living?"

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pate: his wife she wore a budding

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Mr. Enpeck-I-I don't know, my

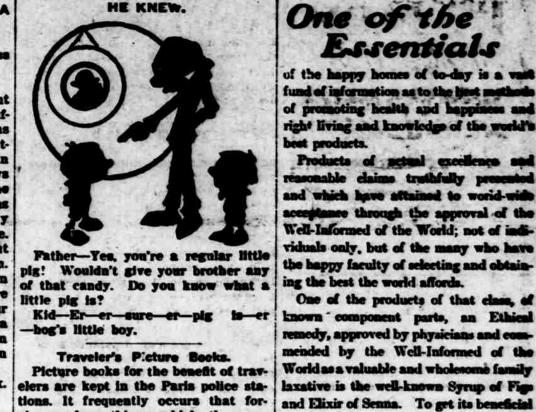
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It was five minutes before noon. ment and Veterinary Remedies are He bought and sold horses while



HE KNEW.

eigners lose things which they are unable to describe, because of their unfamiliarity with the French language. The picture books contain representations of various articles, and the inquirer has only to turn the leaves and point out the illustrations which resemble the property he lost.

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Crusher for Papa. "Chalmont, you don't know your geography lesson at all to-night," said Gunson, Sr. "When I was your age I could answer practically every question in the book."

"Well, pa," retorted Gunson, Jr., " guess you had some intelligent person to help you with your home work."

The Pe-ru-na Almanac in 8,000,000 Homes.

The Peruna Lucky Day Almanac has become a fixture in over eight million homes. It can be obtained from all druggists free. Be sure to inquire early. The 1908 Almanac is already published. and the supply will soon be exhausted. Do not put it off. Speak for one to-day. The Other Side.

Landlady-Are you so particular All his remedies are the result of about having a quiet room because experiments made to save life or reyou sleep in the daytime? lieve suffering while he was practic-De Toot-No, maam. I practice or. the flute several hours a day, and any Any reader, by writing to Dr. Earl other sound jars on my sensitive soul. -Harper's Weekly.



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THEY ARE MADE FOR EACH OTHER

evolution of the swindling game during the last 25 years is very interesting. Twenty-five years ago the swindler eked out a precarious existence. His operations were confined to the shell-game, short-change, fake-bet, green goods, gold brick and other similar schemes. Usually these schemes were worked upon country people and only small sums could be obtained. They also lacked another prove criminal intent. important feature of the modern swindle in that there was no provision for a defense in court. Swindlers who worked these schemes depended upon avoiding detection, but they could make no defense to the scheme itself. This was a dangerous and cumbersome method of procedure and during the last decade has been superceded by the confidence game or scheme to defraud in its modern form.

In the '90s these schemes began differ widely upon the subject. Some to exhibit some of the elements of of our courts are now holding that their modern perfection. The method adopted was to conduct the swindle even if a promoter does issue a false prospectus, and thereby induces peoby an elaborate imitation of business ple to invest in the securities of a methods. An example will show the great advance that was made over the corporation, that this does not constitute a scheme to defraud, and that it old method. The man would open must appear beyond all reasonable an office and insert advertisements doubt that the defendant intended to in the papers stating that a business put the money thus obtained into his firm with a large capital wished men pocket, and not into the business. to represent it in various states at The difficulty of making this proof substantial salaries. This would athas already been indicated. In Engtract scores of men who would come land, this difficulty was met by a statto the office. Each victim would be ute (24th and 25th Vict., c 96, s. 94). told that he had all the qualifications which is as follows: necessary to conduct the business and would be offered a salary of two or three thousand dollars a year and ager, or public officer of any body corporate or public company, shall commissions, and would have some make, circulate or publish, or concur state assigned to him. He would then in making, circulating, or publishing be told it was necessary for him to make a deposit of two, three or five any written statement or account which he shall know to be false in hundred dollars, as the case might be. and a contract, shrewdly drawn, would be presented to him to sign. He would pay his way to Cleveland or corporate or public company, or with Milwaukee-as Ohio and Wisconsin intent to induce any person to become were the states they usually gavewhere his employer would pay no a shareholder or partner therein or more attention to him. When he would return and demand his deposit he would be shown the contract, various provisions of which he had not kept, and the money would not be returned to him.

Another scheme was to advertise for sale a partnership in an old and established business. A set of fake award, as hereinbefore last men- ter word, and converted it into "Jerubooks, showing profits, would be pro- tioned." duced for the inspection of the victir: and he would pay \$500 or \$1,000 for a new partnership. Some pretense to conduct the business would be made, but soon the business would fail and the victim would be out of within section 5480 of the United his money. Schemes of this kind were conducted in great numbers in Chicago during the latter '90s and up into the first few years of the present by legislation, it is absolutely essencentury, and millions of dollars thus tial that the issuing of a false prosobtained from the credulous.

pectus be made a crime before it is There was a weak point, however, possible to deal effectively with the largest class of swindlers that now in schemes of this nature. When the swindler was haled into court he prey upon the public. could show no effort to conduct a real husiness. The detense was always ment cannot directly prosecute tion of old coins at Elder's, says the that this was not a crime but only a schemes to defraud; yet, if the mails New York Times. Collectors comfailure to carry out a contract; but are used in the furtherance of the peted for this souvenir of the gold the courts held that a contract other- scheme, the government can act. As money of the pioneers. This gold piece

swindler who poses as a promoter. Of course, the swindler has his and whether they are to so interpret plausible answer to all these questhe law that it can deal adequately tions, and the victim takes his explanwith this form of fraud, is at the ation without making a thorough adpresent time uncertain, as the courts ditional investigation.

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Only One.

"At the unveiling of Rodin's bust of Henley in Westminster abbey," said a New York editor, "a number of good stories were told about the great poet. "H. G. Wells praised Henley's conduct of the New Review. Of course, this periodical failed, yet it was undoubtedly the best edited magazine of the last century. In it Henley introduced to the world new writers of such distinction as Joseph Conrad, Kenneth Grahame, W., B. Yeats, Mr. Wells himself, and so on. "One day as Mr. Wells and Henley

stood in the office of the magazine, discussing rather sadly its gloomy prospects, a funeral went by with slow nace "Henley leaned out of the window and looked at the funeral anxiously.

Then he turned to his companion and any material particular, with intent to deceive or defraud any member. said, with a worried frown: shareholder or creditor of such body "'Can that be our subscriber?""

> Sunflower Seeds as Food. The sunflower, which has been a

to entrust or advance any property to feature of cottage gardens for the such body corporate or public comlast few weeks, is an instance of the pany, or to enter into any security poverty of our language, for while in for the benefit thereof, shall be guilty "tourneysol" and "gyrasole" the French of a misdemeanor, and being conand Italians sum up the flower in a victed thereof, shall be liable at the single word we have no name to dediscretion of the court to any of the scribe its well known characteristic. punishments which the court may

We have, however borrowed the latsalem." to distinguish from its more succulent rival the tuberous artimet by making it a crime to issue a choke-the only helianthus which was used for food. But in the Russian Caucasus, as you remember from Tolstoy's Caucasian stories, the eating of the sunflower seed is a common habit among the peasants. It provides such gentle occupation as smoking, an aid to contemplation, for some automatic skill is needed to get the seeds and reject the husk.

Rare Coin to Be Sold.

The sale of the rare "Miners' bank" ten-dollar gold piece, struck in Cal-While the United States govern- ifornia in 1850, the feature of the auc-

"At the head of the train is an engineer getting \$100, and over him is S. Sloan, 615 Albany Street, Boston, a superintendent getting two hun- Mass., will receive "Sloan's Treatise

"What is the difference between lving idle, ready for good investments those men? Education. Get all you poultry. can of it."-Youth's Companion.

THEN IT LOOKED ABOUT RIGHT.

**Coal Dealer Understood When Told** What Load Represented.

beard, most foeful to relate. Apothe-John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in one of cary shops they sought in utterest the last addresses that he made to his despair. "Sure Hair Restorer" Jack Sunday school class before abandonthen bought; his wife bought "Antiing it, said of carefulness in business: Hair." One night some sprite in dire "Too many business men are caredelight the bottles did misplace, and ful on one side, their own side, only. Mrs. Jack applied, alack, Jack's lotion Thus a coal dealer whom I used to to her face. While Jack, alack, took know shouted one afternoon to an emfrom the rack a bottle on which read: ploye who was driving out of the yard: "Depilatory. Use with Care." and 'Hold on there, Jim! That coal doused it on his head. Jack Spratt

can't have been weighed. It looks a trifle large for a ton to me.' "Jim shouted back: "'This ain't a ton, boss. It's two

ton "'Oh, all right,' said the dealer, in a wash goods when new, owe much of modified tone. 'Beg your pardon; go their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a

ahead." manner to enhance their textile beau-**Duty Towards Others.** ty. Home laundering would be equal-Not long ago a kindly disposed lady ly satisfactory if proper attention was endeavored to guiz a small boy re given to starching, the first essential garding his Sunday school lesson. being good Starch, which has sufficient "Who is your neighbor?" she asked. strength to stiffen, without thickening "The fellow who lives next door, the goods. Try Deflance Starch and was the ready response. you will be pleasantly surprised at the "But what is your duty toward your improved appearance of your work. neighbor?" persisted the lady. "Oh, to keep an eye on 'im," replied the boy cautiously. "Keep an eye on him? What for?" that jokes about the squabbles of mar-"Just to see that he doesn't take ried people have such a run?

what don't belong to him," was the confident answer. dear, unless it is that so many people The lady gave up. are married.-Kansas City Times

FOUND A WAY

To Be Clear of the Coffee Troubles

to make good pies from "OUR-PIE." the proper proportions of all ingredients are in the package ready for immediate use. At grocers, 10 cents per package. Order a few packages to-day. "Husband and myself both had the coffee habit and finally his stomach and kidneys got in such a bad condi-

tion that he was compelled to give up always inaccessible except to those a good position that he had held for who strive, who learn to accept, unyears. He was too sick to work. His derstand and enjoy them.-Sterne. skin was yellow, and I hardly think there was an organ in his body that

needs attention. Ask your druggist was not affected. for Brown's Bronchial Troches which "I told him I felt sure his sickness was due to coffee and after some diswill quickly relieve the cough. cussion he decided to give it up.

Be proud of the achievements of "It was a struggle because of the others. Their success is making your owerful habit. One day we heard work worth while. about Postum and concluded to try it. and then it was easy to leave off

We Sell Guns and Traps Buy Furs & Hides, ortan them for robes and rugs. N. W. Hide & Fur Co., Minneapolis. "His fearful headaches grew lcss frequent, his complexion began to

Nevada seems apt to forge to the clear, kidneys grew better until at last he was a new man altogether, as first place in the production of prea result of leaving off coffee and tak- cious metals. ing up Postum. Then I began to

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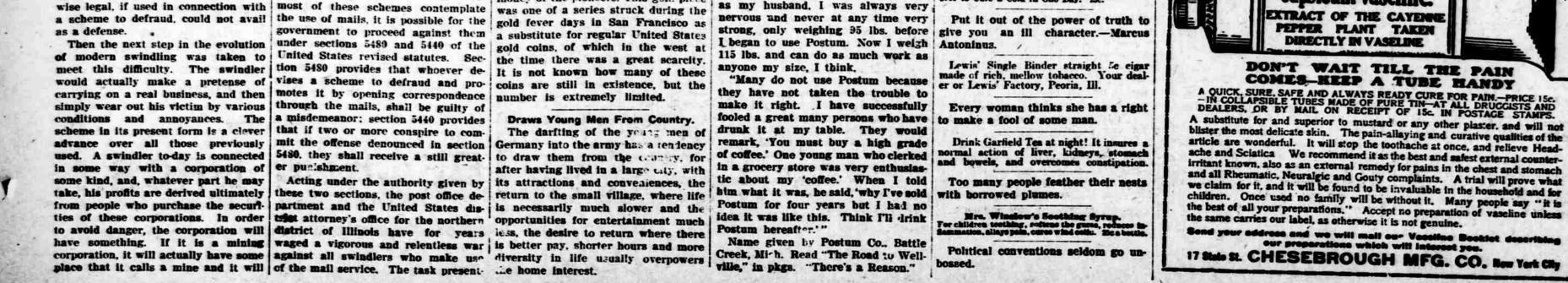
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