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### CITY PEDDLERS.

The Infliction Which the Man in the Office Suffered.

Detroit Free Press.

An inventor in a tiny office in a building filled with offices on Park Row, was visited by a reporter the other day. The inventor was writing, and a gentle, comfortable-looking man was asked to wait a few minutes. The reporter waited with him for the inventor to finish what he was writing. Suddenly the door opened, a boy's head popped a foot through the opening, and in a boy's voice came the word:

"Matcheth!"

"No," the inventor said. "Shoe lather," the voice inquired. "No," the inventor repeated. "Truthpendeth!"

"Get out," the inventor snapped. A moment later the door again opened, admitting a man in seedy garb and of dejected appearance. He spoke to the reporter:

"I have here," said he, taking an umbrella from beneath his overcoat, "a silk umbrella which is worth \$5, but which I can sell for half that price. I don't mind telling you that it was smuggled over on the French steamer."

"I don't want it," said the reporter. "I'll call it \$2. I am very poor."

"I really don't want it."

"Don't you hear him? Get out!" from the inventor.

"Won't either of you gentlemen?"

"No, no, no. Get out, will you?" the inventor said savagely.

"I'll make it \$1.50," the umbrella man said to the reporter as he halted at the door.

"Confound those people," the inventor said, dropping his pen; "it's enough to drive a man crazy to have to sit here half a day. Why, there isn't half an hour--no, not a quarter of an hour, there's three cakes for ten cents," said a basket-laden boy from the door sill.

The reporter pushed the door shut, the gentle man nodded approvingly, and the inventor, with a wearied look, returned to his writing. For five minutes nothing but the scratching of his pen disturbed the quiet of the room. Then a business-like man, who said he was canvassing for a business directory, came in, asked a few questions, took down a few notes with his pencil, sought to convince the inventor that it was worth \$3 to have his name in "caps" in the book free of cost in the bargain.

"I would like to show you," said a man who had entered during the canvasser's argument, "a few cut glass bottles of genuinest of roses. They are slightly damaged, and I offer them during the holidays at half a dol--"

"By the eternal cats," said the inventor, in a frenzy, "I'll kill both of you internal ruffians if you don't quit this office in one minute."

This is not literally what the inventor said, for the reporter has condensed a long outburst of wrath and left only a soft intimation of the ingenious, unique and ferocious expressions to which the troubled man gave vent.

Another period of quiet ensued, and the inventor, becoming calm, seemed to get on rapidly with his writing. The gentle man drummed on his teeth with the finger-nails of one hand, and the reporter became rapt in the study of a diagram that was framed and hanging on the wall, and that seemed from one point of view to represent the interior of a clock tower, and from another to be a sectional view of a pump.

Again the door opened, and again a boy and a basket appeared. This time the query concerned feather dusters. A few minutes later a man from the next office requested the inventor to "step around and witness a signature--just one moment," and when the inventor was gone an office boy dropped in to see if he could borrow a railroad guide.

"Now," said the inventor, upon his return, "I'll not detain you, gentlemen, any longer. If you will pardon me, I'll ask you to shorten your business with me, and then I'll lock the door, finish my task, and go home. I am too poor to hire an office with an inner room for myself and a trained building or a pugilist at the outer door, and I am not enough of an inventor to conceal the acts of bloodshed that would result from my remaining here any length of time. All I can do is to keep away as much as possible."

"It's too bad," the gentle man said.

"Too bad!" shouted the inventor; "it's monstrous; it's atrocious; it's diabolical; excuse me, gentlemen, but it's simply damnable. To-day I've come here to write a letter. I've been at it four hours, and it is not half done. I've had a rush of business ever since I came here. I collected four match, soap and brush boys, a blind man with brooms, a girl with flowers, a young woman with no parents and a subscription list for a religious weekly, accounted with cabbage leaves that he called 'angel' and cigars, a miserant with Christmas cards, a tramp who wanted money for a drink, an apple woman, a fraud with a grease extractor, a Sister of Charity to whom I gave a quarter, a man selling stencils for marking linen, a man who kindly offered to supply my family with milk in patent bottles at twelve cents a quart, a fellow with weather strips, a boy for my director who has not yet returned my scissors--"

"It must be perfect torture," said the other.

"Well, I won't trouble you with my woes. What can I do for you?" the inventor asked.

"Well," said the gentle man, "you make diagrams and sketches, don't you?"

"Yes, but not as a business," the inventor said. "I could do it for you, I suppose--"

"No," said the gentle man. "I don't want you. My idea was to bring to your notice this little article. It is called the draughtman's shading pen, and is without question superior to anything ever offered before."

The inventor's face wore a look of pain. He appeared to feel as if he had been taken in by the gentle man in an unfair manner. He bought a pen, dismissed the gentle man, and turned to the reporter.

"I beg your pardon," said he, "but are you going to sell me anything? I think I could stand one more on the list to-day."

"No," replied the newspaper man. "I am a reporter, and I want to know--"

"Good heaven!" he exclaimed, "a reporter!"

He had been so fatigued, by the incessant tax upon his time by peddlers and salesman that he seemed for a moment to be displeased with the reporter's visit.

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**They Never Got Over It.**  
"Do you know, my dear," she suddenly said as she looked up from her piece-work--"do you know that next week will be the twentieth anniversary of our wedding?"  
"Is that so? By George! How time flies! Why, I had no idea of it."  
"Yes, we have been married almost twenty long years," she continued with something of a sigh. "You have been a good husband to me, darling."  
"And you have been a blessed little wife to me, Susan. Come here till I kiss you. There!"  
"I was thinking to-day--I was thinking of--of--"  
"Of that sickly-faced balloon who used to go home with you from prayer-meeting before I knew you?" he interrupted.  
"What do you mean?"  
"Why, that Brace fellow, of course."  
"Why, George, he wasn't such a bad fellow."  
"Wasn't, eh? Well, I'd like to know of a worse one. He didn't know enough to chew putty, and then you were as good as engaged to him."  
"Yes, George, but you know you were keeping company at the same time with that Helen Perkins."  
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"No, she wasn't! She had teeth like a horse."  
"She did, eh? How about that stoop-shouldered, white-headed 'Brace'?"  
"And such big feet as she had! Why, George, she was the laughing stock of the town."  
"Not now, she wasn't! She was a young lady who would have made a model wife."  
"Then why didn't you marry her and all her moles and warts and mushroom eyes?"  
"Don't talk that way to me! Her eyes were as nice as yours!"  
"They were!"  
"They were!" I believe you are sorry because you didn't marry 'Brace'."  
"And I know you are sorry because you didn't marry that beautiful and accomplished Miss Perkins!"  
"I am, eh? I thought you said I had been a good husband to you!"  
"And didn't you call me your blessed little wife?"  
Then he plumped down and began to read the mortgage sales and advertisements in the paper, and she picked up her sewing and gave the cat a gentle kick. These old things will come up now and then, and somehow neither side gets entirely over them. --Detroit Free Press.

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