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LOUNGERS IN THE ROTUNDA.

The Do-Nothing Make-Believes Who Infest the Hotels. 'GOT ANY MAIL FOR ME, PLEASE?' Boarding at a Chop-House. Dressed in the Fashion, and sponging on Strangers With Lofty Representations. The Rotunda Lounger. 'Any mail for me to-day?' Thus queried a young fellow of Clerk Sherman at the Paxton hotel yesterday evening, as he dushily sauntered up to the letter window of the hotel. 'Now, sir, there's no mail for you to-day,' was the disdainful reply to the interrogation. Turning to the reporter for THE BEE, who was standing near by the clerk remarked: 'Now, just size that duck up.' 'Who is he?' 'Well, in fact, he is the next thing to a confidence man, but he isn't. He isn't quite smooth enough for that, but he is an able vagrant. He has no visible means of support, and if he did not have pretty good clothes to make a fair appearance on the street, the police would run him in for a 'vag.' We are troubled with lots of hotel vags—fellows who make an endeavor to induce the public to believe they are gentlemen. This particular individual, whom you heard inquire for mail, is a great nuisance. He is a nightmare for us all. He receives all his mail here. He does this in order to make his correspondents believe that he is boarding at the hotel. He never spent a dollar in the house, not even as much as turned in a quarter over the bar. I have been carrying a small cane, at the top end of which is an ivory handle. 'Well, I'll tell you about him,' continued the clerk. 'Just then Night Clerk Connell dropped into the office. 'Why, don't you know him?' jokingly asked the latter with a little laugh. 'If you don't, you can see him here from 10 o'clock in the morning until after midnight, and perhaps you can ascertain some of his little games. He is not the only one, but is the principal one that we are annoyed with. That fellow sitting down there now, who a stranger would suppose was a guest of the house or a member of some wealthy family, is nothing more or else than a money worker. How does he get it? Why, he makes loans of a

few dollars from strangers whenever he can. He knows the town and there are any number of people who stop here that are glad enough to have some one show them around. Such fellows, presenting a neat appearance, telling strangers they are the sons of so-and-so, and that they have such and such influential uncles as Manderson, McShane and Creighton, are seldom mistreated when they get a chance to work a victim. That duck over there tries every new clerk that is engaged in the hotel on cashing a check, but he has never succeeded in getting any money from the house, for such workers. The other morning, at 2 o'clock, when everybody was asleep, he came into the house with another young chap who, at present, holds a very good position, but who has a tendency to dress loud, and will be out in the cold world soon if he keeps up his association with this fellow. The pair had been out going the rounds. Both were full. This well-dressed lounge went up to the first landing on the stairs to do it, but he fell as Harry King did when he was shot by Libbie Beecher last November. He did it with a scream and fell sprawling on the landing, and then asked his companion how he liked the 'King tragedy act.' I called him down on it and fired. BOTH OUT OF THE HOUSE. A few nights ago, a traveling man named Chase, from Galesburg, Ill., came to the house and, after being assigned to a room, requested me to inform this party, should he call around, that he was broke; that he could not buy; that he would not lend, nor would he be entertained. Scarcely half an hour had passed when the fellow bobbed up and asked if I had any more. He had arrived, I told him that he had, but he could not see him. He has also been troubling a traveling man from Chicago, named Case. He can hardly be called a confidence man, but he is a very next thing to it. At times he pretends to be a commercial man himself. The Millard hotel is not infrequently troubled with many such fellows. The management will not tolerate them. Whenever it thinks that such things are going on, the fellows are forcibly ejected by a porter called Sullivan. 'Once in a while,' said one of the clerks, 'we have one of those fellows who will smilingly come up to the desk and say, 'Sorry to bother you, but is there any mail for me to-day? I am not stopping at your house but I wrote a little note on one of your letter heads and the answer may come here. I would rather have a man nearby if there were any mail for him. Generally the excuse is more bother than waiting upon him. Then, there is one of these sweet little things who is stopping for a few days with a friend who is boarding at the house. He thinks there might be some mail for him in care of his friend. So soon as we get out one of these mail heads we throw them into the alley. 'There is a tin horn gambler that has a particular liking for sitting around the lobby. He has been told several times that he would be thrown out if he did not make himself scarce. He is a chronic wad and will get into trouble before long. 'Another lounge is an old man perhaps fifty years of age. He boards at a third-class hotel and claims to be a horse trader. He is here nearly all day and night. His hobby is to snatch newspapers in the chairs as soon as a man drops one. He is also a writing-paper fiend. He is one of the rocking-chair nuisances. You'll know him if you ever see him. He wears a full gray beard, dresses in common style, and

OLD KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD.

How They Were Defeated by a Route Express Messenger. THE JAMES BOYS' METHODS. A Railroad Man With Terror Recalls One of the Most Daring of Their Robberies on the Rail. He Shot Through the Door. 'Were you ever instructed to throw up your hands?' queried Conductor Mendenhall of the Union Pacific of a reporter, a few days ago. 'Well, then, you have not had a very extensive experience in the west and more especially in the early days. In the autumn of 1871, I was an express messenger and ran between North Platte and Denver. We left the Platte in the afternoon, westward bound and I had about \$75,000 in my vault which was assigned to parties in San Francisco. I often carried that amount nearly as large as that, but for some reason or other, on this occasion, I had a feeling that I would be the victim of the almost inevitable train-robbery before I reached the end of my journey. I kept my revolvers in close proximity to my familiar post in the car and was prepared for almost any emergency, although I was desirous of not having any occasion to use my weapons because I knew that it meant bloodshed and probably loss of life. All along the route I had inspected every passenger that boarded the train. 'At Worcester, a small and forsaken hamlet, the train stopped for water, and, although it was quite dark, I imagined that I saw three men emerge from behind the tank as the train pulled out. My blood turned cold as I strained my eyes to ascertain whether I was mistaken in my discovery. The train sped on and several miles of track were left behind, and everything was going on in the usual way. Suddenly she was brought to a stand without a signal. I knew what this meant. There was no station within several miles of this point. We were in the hands of the bandits. This suggested itself to me in an instance, and it turned out to be too true. I grabbed a revolver in each hand and determined that if my car was entered, the intruders would have to slip over my dead body. In a few moments a demand was made for me to open the door. I did not speak, but clutched the handles of my revolvers more tightly. The demand was repeated, with a threat that if I did not open the door they would break it in and kill me. I observed that there were several voices, but I made no effort to open the door or to ascertain who, or how many were outside. 'Suddenly a loud sound, as if the door were being battered with a sledge hammer, fell upon my ears. My hair stood on ends, and I decided that retreat was useless, and that my chances for living as well as retaining the money and valuables entrusted to my care, were as good by returning fire should it reach this point. Another blow was dealt and the door partially succumbed. Catching sight of one of my uninvited guests, I fired, and a piercing yell reached my ears. I knew that I had struck my man. I could not

RELIQUOS.

Pope Leo recently entered upon his eightieth year. He is extremely feeble in health. Ground was recently broken for the Methodist college at Sedalia, Mo. Bishop Newman delivered the address. The Jews free school at Spitalfields, England, is said to be the largest in the world. It numbers 3,500 pupils—2,250 boys, and 1,250 girls. It is estimated that there are in London 314,000 who are dependent on the labor, and nearly a million who never see the inside of a church. The progress of the Baptist churches of the United States during the past year has been very great. More than 50,000 members have been added to the roll and 1,000 churches. The long incite plan for a diocesan union of the five Protestant Episcopal dioceses of New York state into a province has advanced another step. A meeting was held yesterday at the sea house in New York, Bishop Potter presiding and all five dioceses being represented. The national Christian Endeavor day was observed very generally by societies in all parts of the country in the third week of February, by offering special prayer for the world throughout the week, and by making a thank offering to some missionary cause commenced with their own denomination. The 100th anniversary of the founding of Georgetown college, by the Jesuits, under Father John Carroll, first bishop of the church in the United States, a most notable event celebrated in the closing days of last week, called together leading representatives of the Catholic church from all sections of the country. The 'Blair bill,' as it is called, from the name of its author and chief supporter at Washington, Senator Blair, is causing a great stir among that excellent but not very numerous class of christians who regard Saturday, or, they call it, 'the seventh day of the week,' as the true christian Sabbath. The new start that Nat Goodwin makes this season in laying aside farical comedy to take up the more ambitious scheme of legitimate comedy, has pover a matter of surprise to many persons. Mr. Goodwin maintains, however, that Silas Woodcut, in his new comedy, 'A Gold Mine,' gives him more of a great scope for fun making as any he has yet played.

MUSICAL AND DIAMATIC.

Margaret Matlier has been playing Lady Macbeth. Kate Claxton is a very sick woman, and the probabilities are that she will be a painful invalid while she lives. 'Whispering Sam' is exploiting Mamie Morris, pianiste, fourteen years old, who is described as 'a female Josef Hofmann.' Lawrence Barrett delivered a lecture upon Charlotte Cushman the other night in the Union League club at Philadelphia, before a distinguished audience. The opening of the new Union Square theater, New York city, is now set down for Wednesday evening, March 27. Particularly brilliant decoration is promised. Edward Harrigan has completed a three-act local play, which he will use at the opening of his next season 'Pete' and the 'O'Learys' will last until May comes. Sarah Bernhardt will appear at the Paris Varietes in April, in the French adaptation of 'F. G. Phillips' 'As in a Looking Glass,' which was prepared for her some time ago. Gustav Amberg has engaged Costanza Dunitz, the celebrated prima donna of the Stadt theater, Cologne, to sing in operetta at his theater on Irving place, New York city, next season. The performance of an English version of the 'Book of Job' by the students of the American Academy of the Dramatic Arts, will take place in the Lyceum theater, New York, in the near future. It is announced that Mrs. Annie Yeaman will leave Mr. Harrigan's company at the end of the present season. If this is so, Mr. Harrigan will have a new and better place her, for in her own particular line she is without a rival. In the production of 'Richard III.' by Mr. Richard Mayne in London, special attention will be paid to the battle scenes, which are intended to illustrate the actual methods of combat at that period. Rehearsals are now in full progress. Hans Von Bulow will arrive in this country towards the last of March to give sixteen piano recitals and conduct some orchestral concerts, it is said. With so limited a number of appearances, it is unlikely that his perfect piano playing will be heard outside of New York and Boston. Jules Lemaitre, the distinguished French critic, has a play in rehearsal at the Odon, in Paris, which is waited for with great expectation. It is called 'Hervodius' and Dumény and Tessandier will have the principal roles. The title means that the heroine is a woman who objects to the prejudices of society. Mrs. Ward has written a graceful little note to Mr. A. M. Palmer, thanking him for his refusal to accept an honorary degree in recognition of 'Honor' Giesemer. It is to be performed in his theater. She says that the idea of Giesemer and Catherine on the stage 'had lain heavy on her mind,' and that she is now greatly relieved. Miss Mary Anderson, declares, with a great show of indignation, that she will never, never again play in St. Louis. She reaches this historic resolution because the professional critics of St. Louis dealt savagely with her; to some extent, they said that she did not deserve the reputation accorded to her. Roland Reed seems to have dropped, very naturally into the vacancy, occasioned by the death of John T. Raymond. He has always had a large and enthusiastic constituency, but in this higher sphere into which he has entered he is accorded a reputation second only to that enjoyed by the amiable genius whom he has succeeded. Henry Mc. Kee has arranged to commence the 'Patti' concert tour in this country in Chicago, the diva opening in the im-

EDUCATIONAL.

The Harvard Boat club has destined to row in the regatta with Columbia at New London next spring. An increase of twenty in the number of students at Syracuse university since the publication of the last catalogue, now gives a total of 636. Prof. Charles H. Hitchcock of Dartmouth, has just presented to that college a large collection of natural history specimens, made by Prof. James Hall of Albany. Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Laughlin, of Brooklyn, were present at the centennial celebration of the Georgetown Jesuit university. Mr. George Koman has been lecturing in several of the New England colleges. At a certain point in his address he retires to an ante-room and comes clothed in the full garb of a Siberian prisoner. Prof. Lounsbury, of Yale, is busy at his new work on Chaucer. Prof. Lounsbury, by close study and application, has so greatly improved his eyes that he can now read the great difficulty, but, like many another scholar, plods heroically on. The Yale divinity school sends Mr. James H. Reynolds as missionary to European colleges, the idea being to advance christian work among the students there, and to establish a co-operative organization between those on the two continents. The Edison company have presented to Correll's engineering department a dynamo having a capacity of 150 lamps, and valued at \$4,700. The Brush Electrical company have also contributed an improved motor, worth \$600. Mr. Jacob Tume, of Baltimore, has a ven \$200,000 for industrial education, and its application is only to be approved in 1897. This money was for the education of 1,772-56 children of school age, of whom 1,063,399 attended school. The number of teachers employed was 31,725 at an average annual salary of \$419.75. Rutgers college has the promise from Mr. Garrett E. Winants, of Bergen Point, N. J., of a fine dormitory building which will probably cost a hundred thousand dollars. This magnificent gift will provide rooms for a hundred students and with the large increase of students under President Gates' administration, will afford great relief.