From Two to Four Inches of Snow Falls During the Day.

MOISTURE IS GOOD FOR FALL GRAIN

Very Little with Corn Rusking, Which is Nearly Completed-Weather is Mild and Snow Soon Melts.

SHELTON, Neb., Nov. 13,-(Special.)-Snow began falling at 9:30 o'clock this morning and continued to fall all day and this evening. Over two inches of wet snow is on the ground, much of it having thawed when falling. This is the first moisture which has visited this section for a long time and will do fall grain a great deal of

WEST POINT, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.) covered the ground this morning, but is melting rapidly. The fall was very gentle and unaccompanied by any atmospheric office of county clerk of Cuming county. disturbance. Very little corn remains to be husked, and with a few days more fine weather the crop will be safely cribbed.

TRENTON, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.)-It began snowing here at 9 o'clock this morning and still continues. The indications are favorable for a continued fall, as it is coming from the direction from which we get

all of our big snows. TILDEN, Neb., Nov. 13.—(Special.)-About two inches of snow fell here last night Today is clear and warm, and the temperature indicates that by night the ing is in full operation, the crop averaging as yet there is no clew. about forty bushels to the acre.

Heavy Snowfall in Kansas. LARNED, Kan., Nov. 13.-This section of the state was visited by the heaviest snow of the season last night and today. The ground was covered to a depth of three to four inches here and it is reported the snow was much heavier in the counties north and west of here. The snow was wet and the winter wheat will be greatly bene-

FIREWATER AND BAD INDIANS. Effort Being Made to Punish Illegal eral years.

Vendors of Whisky. CHADRON, Neb., Nov. 13.—(Special.) him the respect of the best citizens in Val- Yellowstone river at Terry. entine. He refused to punish the Indians for their intoxication until the person or of stock detective W. D. Smith, Chief or that this was the only way to effectually put a stop to the nuisance. The general the business men of Valentine to agree upon heroic steps to put a stop to the nuisance and a number of prominent business men swore out a warrant against Charles Tate, charging him with selfing intoxicating liquors to the Indians. Tate was immediately arrested and is now waiting for his trial. In Rushville a man named Wheeler is now under \$300 bonds on the same charge of selling the Indians whisky. Destructive Prairie Fire.

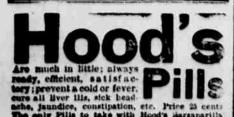
AINSWORTH, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.)-One of the most destructive prairie fires! it rapidly worked its way eastward along the south side of the Calamus, destroying thousands of acres of winter range and thousands of tons of hay put up for the thousands of head of stock owned by our are on the lookout for them. big cattle interests. J. E. Enders, W. K. Kennedy and the Smolik boys were among worth would have been a total loss, and ited by the devouring element. The citizens of Ainsworth and surrounding country tested in the history of the county. land that day and fought like demons to until two days after the election. save property, showing a splendid spirit of humanity and desire to help those who were in danger of losing their all.

Lost Baby Found. TRENTON, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.)over the disappearance of a baby about ten days old, the child of Woodruff Johnson. who lives a mile out of town. The disappearance was discovered by some of the neighbors, and on investigation the parents reported that it had been given away, but would not tell to whom they had given it. Later it was learned that a baby answering to the description of this one was found on the doorstep of a family by the name of Orman, in McCook. The child had been taken in and well cared for by this family. It will be investigated further.

New Lodge Instituted. TRENTON, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.)-W. O. Woolman of Alma, Neb., supreme commander of the Independent Order of American Warriers, instituted a lodge of that order at this place last night consisting of twenty-one charter members. The following officers were elected: F. M. Flansburg, past commander; F. C. Marsh, commander; W. P. Filbert, lieutenant commander; W. D. Otis, financier; Ed Tarvin, recorder; Will Coon, master at arms; Dan Walte, chaplain; Z. C. Hurst, sentinel; Guy Tappen, picket; Dr. A. H. Thomas, physi-

Chance to Work at Columbus. COLUMBUS, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.)labor, both skilled and unskilled. The New York Irrigation company, which is working on the south of the Loup, wants both teams and men; contractors on the new High school want mechanics; common laborers are wanted badly on the excavations for th new sewers, and the Union Pacific is trying to get a gang of thirty to lay new steel on the branches out of this city. There is also a daily inquiry for cornhuskers to help gather the more than average crop of corn

Attend Trint of Reckless Soldler. COLUMBUS, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.) Policeman Rector and William Wilson, hotel clerk, have been summoned by Captain Regers, U. S. A., to appear at Salt Lake City. Utah, as witnesses in a court-martial wherein William Kiley, First United States



STATE SERVICE SHAPE OF SERVICE

cavalry, is the defendant. Kiley was arrested here on the night of October 1, having jumped through a window when the train was about a mile west of this city, and escaped from his guards. He was then on his way back for trial.

HORSE CARRIES DEAD DRIVER.

Charles Greenwood Shot to Death In His Buggy. FAIRBURY, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special Telegram.)-Charles Greenwood, 19 years old? who lived on Rock creek, a few miles from the city, was shot last night while returning home from a party. He was found this morning still sitting in his buggy, his horse having conveyed his dead driver to his own door. The bullet penetrated his brain, It is expected the coroner's inquest tomorrow may throw some light upon the perpetrator, but nothing definite is known at present.

Holland in Acquitted. WEST POINT, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.) The trial of the alleged horse thief, Horland, in the district court resulted in a verdict of acquittal. The court is now engaged in the trial of the case of Shearer -A fall of snow about 'our inches deep against Cuming county, which involves the question of the disposition of certain fees received by Mr. Shearer when he held the

New Depot Goes Up. SHELTON, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.)-The frame of the new Union Pacific depot is almost up and will be all completed in about three weeks. This one will be a great improvement over the old one, which burned down last September.

Thieves Steal Harness. MILLARD, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special Telegram.)-Last night James Nelson of this place had two horses, a set of harness and double-seated spring wagon stolen from his snow will have all disappeared. Corn husk- barn. A liberal reward has been offered, but

LONG CHASE FOR THE CURRIE GANG.

Horse Thieves Are Run Out of Montana Into British Possessions. SUNDANCE, Wyo., Nov. 13.—Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Ricks has returned from a twenty-seven-days chase through Montana of what known as the "Currie gang," which is composed of George Currie and the Dixon brothers, all said to be members of the "Hole-in-the-Wall" band of outlaws who have kept Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota peace officers in hot water for sev-

One of the recent depredations charged against Currie and his companions is the The towns in northwestern Nebraska, ad- theft of thirty horses from Mr. Preston, a jacent to the Pine Ridge and Rosebud In- horse grower of Gillette. The band of dian reservations, notably Valentine, Rush- herses was evidently too large to run out ville and Gordon, have experienced a great of the country and after taking them to deal of trouble by Indians who come in wards the Montana line for some distance from the reservations and succeed in get- the whole herd was abandoned and recapting whisky. In Valentine last week two tured by the owner. Subsequently Currie Indians were taken to the court of Judge took fifteen head of horses from the pas-Towne charged with drunkenness. The tures of the Northern Cattle company and court took a stand which at once won for reached Montana with them, crossing the Deputy Ricks made up a posse composed

persons who had sold them the liquor could Police Jackson of Terry, Mr. Preston and be apprehended and punished, as he said two of his employes and started on the trail of the thieves. The outlaws did some hard riding, the posse finding a dead horse drunkenness among the Indians has caused on the trail which had been ridden to death. After a chase of fifteen days the posse ran onto the desperadoes in the bad lands of the Bear Paw mountains. The fugitives had selected a position commanding the road and fired at the posse with rifles at long range. The posse returned the fire, about fifteen shots being exchanged. The desperadoes found the firing too close and fled, leaving their entire camp outfit, consisting of several guns, wearing apparel, grub, etc. Twelve head of the stolen horses were recovered. The trail was again taken up, but was lost in the bad lands. The posse traveled in all 300 miles in ever visiting this section was that in the pursuit of the outlaws. It is believed by Lakeland district south of the Calamus. The the officers that Currie and the Dixons fire started in the south and west part of will now go into the British possessions. Cherry county and with high winds to fan They have been hunted during the past three months from Ulnta county, Wyo., where they robbed a store at Big Piney, across Wyoming and Montana, and officer

Republicans Make Clean Sweep. DEADWOOD, S. D., Nov. 13 .- (Special.)the heaviest losers, their winter range being The returns for Lawrence county are all in all burned over and their thousands of tons and the auditor has made his report. The of hay going up in smoke. R. A. Westover entire ticket went republican except the was lucky in getting off with the loss of sheriff and county superintendent. The mapart of his winter range, but others re- jority for Philips is 361, for Gamble 304, for port entire loss of both range and hay. Burke 171. The persons elected on the bal-Had the wind been from the south instead ance of the state ticket are: Senators, Wilof west all the country south of Ains- liam O'Brien and H. T. Cooper; state representatives, A. P. Cindell, Ed H. Warren, J even Ainsworth itself might have been vis- N. Hawgood, John Peterson. The election was one of the closest and most hotly conturned out en masse and went to the south- side made bets of 2 to 1 for its candidates

throughout both states and South Dakota

Brakeman Vibber Killed. HURON, S. D., Nov. 13 .- Friday evening as a freight train, George Lawrence, conductor, was nearing Tyler, Minn., Brakeman Marion Vibber, only son of George W. Vib-Considerable feeling and indignation has ber and wife, living in the northwest part been aroused in this section of the county of this county, fell from the top of a car and was almost instantly killed. He was 21 years of age and had been in the employ of the Northwestern company only

DEATH RECORD.

about one month.

Colonel James Gilliss. NEW YORK, Nov. 13 .- Colonel Jame Gilliss, assistant quartermaster general, U. S. A., died suddenly today at Governor's received his appointment from Washington without having gone through the military academy. He became a second lieutenant in May, 1861. He received brevet rank as first lieutenant for gallant conduct at Malvern Hill, Va., and was breveted captain for meritorious conduct at Spottsylva nia Court House. He was with t' Army of the Potomac until August, 4, and with the middle military division until October. At the battle of Cedar creek he was ing \$54,305, out of total exports of \$239,179. taken prisoner by the confederate army.

One of Illustrious Family. LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 13.-Captain Peyton Randolph, one of the most prominent officers of the Seventh volunteer infantry, died today at St. Joseph's hospital in this city of typhoid fever. He was 25 years of There is a brisk demand here for all kinds of age and commanded Company K. He came from the famous old Randolph family of Virginia, and is a graduate of Virginia Military institute.

William A. Pangburn. William A. Pangburn, for twelve years ompositor on the Herald and World-Herald, died at St. Joseph's hospital Sunday morning at 12:30 of tuberculosis. His funeral will be conducted by Omaha Typographical

End of a Vessel with a History. HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 13.—The Russian park Lima, loading deals at Tignish, parted ts cables Saturday night in a gale and wentshore. It was formerly the Yarmouth bark cenule, on which a mutiny occurred off libraltar in 1873, in which the captain, his wife and the mates were thrown overboard and drowned. A bottle with a message in it was dropped overboard by the steward. It was picked up by a British war ship which captured the vessel and took the murderers to England, where they were

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Nov. 13 At New York-Arrived-La Champagne, from Havre: Britannic, from Cardiff; Statendam, from Rotterdam. At Havre-Arrived-La Touraine, from At Queenstown-Sailed-Lucania, from Liverpool for New York.

GERMANS RUSH TO EXPLAIN NEW YORK'S FASHION SHOW

William's Visit to

looked upon as rather inopportune, to say the least, when the peace negotiations with Spain are at a critical juncture and when, technically, the war is still in progress. At the same time Germany has constantly reiterated her neutral and friendly attitude and the emperor himself took occasion in his last address to the Reichstag to give strong expression to the German purpose to maintain the strictest impartiality between this government and Spain. At the same time the officials, here and in Berlin, have recognized that a strong public sentiment of animosity was being developed between the people of the two countries and steps have been taken to offset this as far

To Promote Good Feeling. The last move in that direction was at a recent dinner given by Chancellor Von Bulow at Berlin to Andrew H. White, the United States ambassador, and Dr. Von Helleben, the German ambassador to the United States, now visiting in Germany. It was intended that the new assistant sccretary of state, Mr. Hill, should be one of the guests, but he was detained in Holland. Private advices received here by officials state that the meeting was important as it furnished an opportunity for a free and full discussion of all the subjects which have threatened to estrange the two governments and for the establishment of much more friendly understanding. It is recognized, however, among officials, state and diplomatic, that while official sentiment is satisfactory there continues to be an undercurrent of ill feeling with the public and press of the two countries.

For this reason the present move of the emperor in stopping at the Spanish ports causes something of a shock in diplomatic quarters, as it is felt to be one more obstacle in the way of the happy rapprochement which was being executed by the authorities here and at Berlin. It is with a view of minimizing the effect of the visit that the assurances are now communicated as to its non-official character.

The suggestion that the emperor may be asked by Spain to act as arbitrator between the United States and Spain in case th Philippine issue becomes acute, is dismissed as absurd on the ground that no such plan would be considered for a moment unless both countries joined in a request for it. The arrival of the emperor at Cadiz and artagena is awaited with coprchension by the German authorities as it may give rise to a Spanish popular demonstration open to misconstruction in this country. With a view of avoiding such an affair the German charge d'affaires at Madrid has been instructed to notify the Spanish government of the strictly unofficial character of the emperor's visit.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS

Survivors of the Civil War Remem bered by the Government. WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 .- (Special.)-Pensions have been granted to the follow

Nebraska: Increase—Samuel Eagy, Gib-bon, \$16 to \$17. Relasue—Benjamin P. Baxter, Holbrook, \$10. Original Widows, etc .-Louise M. Barnbart, York, \$12.

Iowa: Manderville Couch. Shellrock, \$6. Additional—Special. November 3, Evan F. Cowger, Riverton, \$8 to \$12. Restoration Luther Gill, Perry, \$6. Restoration and Sup-plemental—John Jeffries, dead, Beacon, \$8. Increase—Lewis C. Rauck, Villisca, \$24 to Solomon Whitcanack, Keosauqua, \$24

South Dakota: Original-Henry Melcher Norman B. Van House, Vilas, \$16. Increase—James K. Lockwood, Vermillion, \$6 to \$8; James McLaughlin, Soldiers' Home, Fall River, \$8 to \$10. Original Widows, etc.—Frances A. Littlefield, Spearfish, \$8.

AMERICA'S TRADE WITH SAMOA

Larger Import and Export Business Than Any European Nation. WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.-The United States last year commanded more of the Samoan trade, import and export, than any European nation and in the matter of exports to the islands stood second only to blank base bears the inscription "In Memory the nearby Australian colonies. These of the Members of the First Infantry, Illi-He was born on July 8, 1840, and facts appear in an official report to the State department from United States Consul General Osborn. He shows that of the total imports, which amounted to \$329,630, the Australian colonies sent \$157,795. The United States sent goods to the value of \$53,415, Great Britain came next with \$13,-322, while Germany sent only \$5,562 worth of goods to the islands. The United States took more than one-fifth of the entire exports from the islands, the exact figures be-Moreover, the counsul general says a large percentage of the goods sent to Samoa

BOY BARKS LIKE A DOG

from Australia were of American origin.

Bitten by Rabid Animal, the Lad is Attacked with Rabies and Dies Awful Death.

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 13 .- Thomas Moore, 7 years old, son of E. J. Moore, a member of Company I, Second regiment, Missouri volunteers, died of hydrophobia today. The lad was bitten two weeks ago by a dog suffering with rabies. Yesterday the boy commenced to bark like a dog and was attacked with frequent convulsions. He tried to bite his attendants and seemed possessed of superhuman strength. His death was a most agonizing one.

Cornell Team in Good Shape. ITHACA. N. Y., Nov. 12.—Cornell's coaches and Capiain Whiting had a long discussion today relative to the work of the next ten days in preparing the 'varsity foot ball team for its final game of the season. Both are feeling highly encouraged over the prospects. The showing in Saturday's game against Lafayette proved that the cripples are fast improving and Left Guard Reed is seain in condition to play an aggressive again in condition to play an aggressive game. The team as a whole his regained its snap and the men are pulling together once

Officers of Journeymen Barbers. NEW YORK, Nov. 13 .- The convention of NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—The convention of the Journeymen Barbers' association, in ses-sion here, have elected the following officers: President, Jacob W. Pisher, Anderson, Ind.; treasurer, W. E. Klaptezky, Syracuse, New York; general organizer, W. C. Pinard,

Annual Horse Fair to Open Today for the Parade of Frivolity and, Incidentally, Quadruped.

Strictly Unofficial.

STOPS ARE MADE FOR EMPRESS' HEALTH

Fract Recognized that Spanish Excursion is Inopportune and Tends to Promote Suspicion in America.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—It is understood that assurances have been given by the German government that the visit of Emperor William of Germany to Spain is entirely devoid of official character or significance; that the official trip of the imperial party ended when it left Palestine and that the proposed stop at Cadiz and Cartagen is largely a health precaution in behalf of the empress, as the sea trip would be long and arduous if unbroken by these stops at the Spanish ports.

The assurance appears to be voluntary on the part of the Berlin officials and to be in line with the care taken in that quarter of late to minimize and remove the bad impressions caused by several incidents occurring during the recent war. The State department had not, so far as is known, taken cognizance of the emperor was looked upon as rather inopportune, to say the least, when the peace negotiations with the Exercise that part of the emperor was looked upon as rather inopportune, to say the least, when the peace negotiations with the Early Understant and certainly the reach and after it the guests were invited into the area, where most of the success they free! is certain to attend the success they free! is certain to attend the directors of the National Porse Power and after it the guests were invited into the area, where most of the success they free! is certain to attend the success they free! is certain t

Yale Reviews Its Defeat.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 13.—The Yale foot ball eleven returned from Princeton tonight. They were a disappointed looking lot of men and refused to discuss Saturday's game at all. Durston was perhaps the sorest man of the squad, in mind, at least. From what the substitutes had to say it is evidently the sense of the squad that Durston was not blameable for the unfortunate fumble; that he believed the ball to be "down." but that somehow the Princeton end gained it, and since Captain Chamberlain followed him down the field he could not very well dispute the play. Yale Reviews Its Defeat. could not very well dispute the play. Neither Captain Chamberlain nor the coachers, however, would make any state-ment. Yale men generally take the defeat in the right spirit and say that though the score against the team is a victory for Princeton, they cannot feel that it represents the playing of the two elevens nor their ability.

SAN FBANCISCO, Nov. 13.—E. O. Kragness of the Olympic wheelmen today broke three American cycling records. He lowered the fifty-mile standard course from 2:22:59 to 2:13:29, which figure also lowers the American straightaway course mark of 2:15:00. The last ten miles he covered in 22:15, lowering the American standard course record of 24:14, held by L. N. Walleston of Newburyport, Mass., who also held the fifty-mile mark. Kragness rode over the ten-mile stretch from High street, Alameda, to Haywards, part of the road being in bad condition. The pacemaking was also poor and he went at least five miles unpaced. Cycling Records Broken.

Foot Ball Program at Harvard. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 13.—The foot ball program at Harvard this week is, briefly, as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be the usual practice, only it will be stiffer than ever. Wednesday evening there may be another mass meeting in Sander's theater to give the men a sendoff, such as was given them just before the Pennsylvania game. If it is definitely decided to hold such a meeting it is probable that Governor-elect Roosevelt, '80, of New York will address the boys. On Thursday morning the Harvard team will breakfast early and leave for Meriden, Conn. Foot Ball Program at Harvard. or Meriden, Conn

Race for Canadian Cup TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 13.—The commit-tees representing the Chicago Yacht club and the Royal Canadian Yacht club will meet here on Tuesday to arrange details for the yacht race for the Canadian cup

REPROOF LEADS TO MURDER Wild Young Man Kills His Pather and Then Slashes His Own Throat.

READING, Pa., Nov. 13 .- Morris J. Lutz, aged 44 years, a shoemaker, was shot and tatally wounded today by his son, Harvey, aged 18. Young Lutz came home intoxicated and his father reprimanded him. This angered the boy and he fired two shots through his father's head. The boy then committee suicide by cutting his throat. He had the reputation of a desperate young fellow.

HYMENEAL.

Weddings at West Point. WEST POINT, Neb., Nov. 13 .- (Special.) -Samuel Reeson, one of the wealthiest farmers in Cuming county, was married last week to Mrs. M. K. Michaels of Blencoe

William Derr, the leader of the celebrated West Point Cornet band, which has a state reputation, was married last week to Miss Dunker of Dodge. The wedding was celebrated at the bridegroom's home in this city.

FIRE RECORD. .

Four Business Blocks. TIFFIN, O., Nov. 13 .- Fire consumed four business blocks today with a loss of \$75,000. It is thought to be of incendiary origin.

Monument to Santiago Dead. CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The monument to the Santiago dead of the First regiment of volunteers was dedicated at the regimental headquarters today with impressive cereimpressive monies. Among the speakers were Dr. H. W. Thomas, Bishop Samuel Fallows and Colonel Henry Turner of the First. nois Volunteers, who died in the Spanish-American war of 1898." It also bears a list of the names of the dead.

Pennsylvania Adds Fast Tralu. PITTSBURG, Nov. 13 .- The Pennsylvania railroad will on Tuesday next, if scheduled plans work out, put on a new fast train be tween this city and New York to be known as the Pittsburg Limited. This train will make the trip between the two cities in ten hours. RECORD.

END OF A LONG TRANCE.

Remarkable Case of a New Orleans Woman. Miss Elmire Marie Charpentier of New

Orleans, the last sixteen years of whose life have furnished a scientific problem, is dead. When 9 years old she began to sleep longer than was normal, and at the death of her little brother, to whom she was passionately devoted, her sleeping spells began to be more prolonged. She was 18 years old at that time.

Then she had an attack of fever and fell into a trance which has lasted for sixteen years, with intermissions of two hours daily, when she was fed. During these intermissions she was in the full possession of her faculties and appreciated her con-

Miss Charpentier was a daughter of Abnoir S. Charpentier of Lobit & Charpentier, to shoot them into the vein of ore. This one of the wealthlest commission houses in gives the appearance of minute particles of New Orleans during the antebellum days. The war swept away their fortune and her father died, leaving the family's circum-

stances very sadly altered. For three days before her death Miss Charpentier evinced no sign of her usual rather than hate the man who attempted wakening, and Dr. C. J. Lopez was called the swindle. It is the rule now for metalin. It was hard to determine if life was lurgists to make a great number of borings really extinct, for her condition while in at various places along the line of the vela the trances was deathlike. Every test was of ore. From each boring samples are taken resorted to before her burial.

tion in the medical fraternity. During the that these samples produce generally indisixteen years of her trance she was awake cates the worth of the mine. 11,680 hours; unconscious 140,160 hours. months out of sixteen years.

Scientific Methods Now Necessary to Deceive Investors.

WAYS OF FOOLING EVEN EXPERTS

Forms of Swindling Growing Despite the Care of Capitalists-Clever Work in the Kloudike Field.

Following in the wake of the miners who nake a general stampede for a new El Dorado gold field upon the slightest pretext come the professional gamblers and daredevil adventurers who live upon the proceeds of the new mines worked by the suc cessful claimants. Salting mines is a specles of swindling that prospered more in the zenith of California's great gold digging lays, relates the New York Sun, but it has not by any means died out. It has assumed new phases, which sometimes make it difficult of detection, and the man who deliberately follows this business is something more than a shrewd adventurer. He is scientific man as well as one of cool nerve and adventurous nature.

The reports of mine salting are already coming down from the Klondike, and probaoly more of the same kind will be heard of before another season passes. It would be queer, indeed, if the professional mine setter did not appear in a field offering such a !recent years the terror of the mine salter has been the trained metallurgist, the professional scientific man who has taken a course in some school of mines. In the far off region of the Klondike there has been ess chance of meeting trained experts in mining, and the swindlers have had to deal more with practical miners, whose knowledge of mines is often blinded and obscured by the unexpected presence of gold in large quantities. The credulity of the average placer miner is historical, and, in spite of many disappointments and living examples of fraud he is just as likely to be taken in by a first-class mine salter as were his predecessors back in the 50s in California. Buying or investing in a gold mine is one

of the most uncertain trade transactions in the world, and the chances of some one getting "skinned" are greater than in horse lealing. It is a risk to buy the best gold mine. It may pan out poorly or it may make a fortune for the owner. It is this uncertainty which lends it a peculiar fascination to many persons. Everybody likes o own a claim or a few shares in a gold mine: it may mean so much or it may mean so little. So many fabulous fortunes have been made out of unpretentious mining laims that it is easy to convince one's self hat the same luck may strike you. It is this lottery character of the business that makes it possible for the mine speculator to sell their shares by the hundreds of thou ands. They are the civilized, legalized mine salters and their operations affect a larger number of people than those of the shrewd professional who tries to swindle some capialist or miner.

Early Methods. In the early days of mining an unscrupuous swindler would merely scatter around some gold dust and nuggets in a claim he wanted to salt. He would take the trouble of loose gravel and earth. Then upon a superficial examination it would appear as if he mine pay fabulous prices. Usually the deal would be transacted right then and good-hearted miners would confess that they didn't want to cheat the lucky owner but if he was so anxious to get home again to his family they would put up the neces ary dust to take the rich claim off his hands. Then after the deal the swindler would disappear and a week later a general howl for his blood would go up in the min-

ing camp. All of this primitive way of salting and selling gold mines may have prevailed once upon a time, but it has been long years since it would answer the purpose. man who attempted to impose such a glaring swindle upon a mining community would more than likely swing by the neck before undown. Salting mines has passed through various stages until today it is as much o a science as digging for the gold. The pro fessional swindler must meet and deceive rained metallurgists and he plays for stakes so high that one transaction will

net him a fortune. There is plenty of capital ready for inrestment in mines, but capital everywhere is cautious. It sends out experts now to find out whether an investment is good. Mining experts are sent from New York every week to the various mining regions of the world to make reports upon the possible output of claims that are put on the market for sale. These experts have large salaries, but their services are well worth the money given to them. Every year they reveal frauds to their employers-frauds which the public never hears about. Quite recently mining expert returned from Mexico to report to a large company of capitalists that a mine offered to it for a large sum had been "salted" and was not worth \$10. Another man, who has returned from the Klondike, reports similar swindles in that northern country. Sometimes the mines appear on the surface to indicate great deposits of gold, but further down the soil does not pan out. This is no fault of the owner, nor is it the result of salting. It is for such mines that the expert metallurgist must be on the lookout. At the best the value of a gold mine is one of the most uncertain and tricky things on the face of the earth.

The Modern Salter. The present-day mine salter comes to New York. London, Paris, or other large city, to finish his swindle. He plays for high stakes and he does his work scientifically. The work of salting his claim is not performed in a day; it is probably the result of weeks and months of continuous labor. He knows what to expect-the careful examination of the rocks and soil by a trained expert-and if he cannot deceive him his labors are all in vain. After the work is all completed he takes samples of the dirt with him to show to the capitalists with whom he tries to negotiate a sale. This dirt, of course, is rich in fine particles of gold, and not even the best metallurgist in the world could tell whether it had been deposited there by na-

ture or by some shrewd swindler. It was a common practice once upon time, according to all stories, to load a shotgun with tiny pieces of gold, and ther gold in the rocks, but only the credulous miner on the scene during an intense excitement would be swindled by such a process. The trained scientific expert would laugh at such clumsy salting, and pity esorted to before her burial.

The case has attracted widespread attenoffice. The amount of gold to the ton or rock

For some time after the experts adopted She was conscious one year and ten this system the mine salters were at a loss how to get even with them. They could not

NEW TRICKS OF MINE SALTERS salt every part of the vein and they could not foretell at what places the experts would make their borings. The samples of ore were usually packed in bags under the eve of the expert and each bag was marked to show on a diagram from what place the ore came. The bags were finally sealed up and shipped away. But one day a shrewd mine salter took an ordinary hypodermic syringe and, thrusting the needle through the bagging, injected a strong solution of chloride of gold over the samples of rock and dirt. The operation was so simple and easy that it was not detected. When the samples were assayed the ore showed that the mine would yield several bundred dollars to the short ton. The expert metallurgist was deceived the mine was purchased for a big sum and the inventor of one of the most recent methods of salting mines got safely away to parts unknown before the fraud was discovered.

Since then the chloride of gold method of salting mines has varied somewhat, but experts are always on the lookout for the trick in some of its many forms. At an expense of \$50 one could paint the faces of ore with chloride of gold and make a poor mine produce an excellent showing at the assaying office. Many a man and company have been swindled by this process. The assayer's laboratory on the spot, whose services are freely offered to the examining expert, has deceived others time and again. It was some time before a bright metallurgist discovered that gold had been introduced in the bottles containing such re-agents as borax, litharge and soda. Ore obtained from rich mines is sometimes dumped into worthless mines for salting purposes, but the experts are not deceived by this trick. They insist vantages as the new Yukon territory. In upon securing their samples by blasting under their own eyes.

Fooling the Experts If the miners engaged in blasting are easily bribed to work in the interests of the mine owner, it is not a difficult thing to salt the mine under the very nose of the metallurgist. Holes are drilled into the rocks at places marked out by the expert. When the dynamite stick is inserted into the hole the mud taken from the hole is often used to tamp it. If a swindle is intended small particles of gold are mixed with this mud when the expert is not looking and after the explosion the gold is distributed through the rock and quartz in such quantities that the expert is amazed. The explosion drives the gold into the rocks and makes it appear for all the world like a natural deposit. Usually this gold is obtained from some rich mine, just as nature put it in the earth, so that under the microscope it shows n marks that will suggest its coming from gold coins. There are scores of swindles perpetrated every year in some of these ways.

Another common method is to sell a min upon its record. Such mines have some gold and the owners begin to establish a record for it in a way that dazzles some who are not experts. The first output is assayed and then the bar of gold is taker to the United States government assay office, where a certificate is obtained that c bar of gold of such fineness and value was taken from such a mine on such a month. When the next assaying comes around this innocent bar of gold is melted up with the rest of the gold and does service again. In this way, by using the same innocent bar a score of times, a high record of output can be obtained and certified to by the United States assay office. Who question such a certified record? None, probably, except a metallurgist who has o mix the gold well into the surface layer long studied the ways and tricks of the mine salter. Some innocent capitalist purchases the mine and saves the large salary the claim was rich in possibilities. Some of of the trained mine examiner. In the end the dirt would be taken out and examined. he regrets his bargain when it is too late. Naturally it would yield enough to make Many such transactions are made every year. In view of the many gold mine swindlers on the field, it would seem as it there, the mine salter putting in the inno- the mine expert was absolutely essential to cent plea that he was anxious to return to civilization, and that for a small consideration he would part with what he knew would reap him a fortune if he stayed to work the claim. In stories and fiction, at least, the cent plea that he was anxious to return to the capitalists who would invest their money times to salt these than a gold mine and the tricks of doing it are just as numerous and deceptive as any used in alleged gold mines.

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