

MULHATTAN, PRINCE OF LIARS

Recollections of the Modern Heir of Ananias and Munchausen.

TALENTED INVENTOR OF NEWSPAPER FAKES

Once a Truthful Commercial Traveler, in an Evil Moment He Told Stories and Fell Headlong from Grace.

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News comes from a remote corner of Texas that Joseph Mulhatten, the most stupendous and ingenious liar of his time, has recently turned up in that part of the country. It is now in order for the newspapers to be on their guard...

Mulhatten had been a truthful commercial traveler for years before the passion for big story telling took possession of him. One day it occurred to him that the newspapers of his locality weren't interesting enough...

A Prize Still.

It was in 1875 that Mulhatten got up his first really imposing fake. He discovered that the remains of George Washington were petrified and that some well known citizens who were very desirous of seeing the Washington monument completed were about to remove the petrified body to the exposition at Philadelphia...

For a time thereafter Mr. Mulhatten's stories were according to his own account, were what might be called "plain lies." But he went to Kentucky, and after he had breathed the inspiring air of that locality for a while he began to take pride in his work...

Two from Texas.

Animal stories were very popular then. Mulhatten concentrated his powerful intellect upon the domestic goose and the result was a highly interesting and accurate account of a Texas cotton plantation kept in order by a flock of trained geese...

Mulhatten's Texas meteor story attained the proportion of an international event.

This was published in 1881 in the Fort Worth Gazette and attracted attention all over the country. On the day after the story was published the Gazette received 114 telegrams in regard to the matter...

Mulhatten next wrote an extended account of the discovery of the lost art of making malleable glass. The story was told with such sweet simplicity and careful and minute detail that the average reader felt that he could go right out and manufacture malleable glass himself with a few simple implements...

Dabbles in Astronomy.

Mulhatten dubbed him "professor" and described him as a successful observer of sunspots and an astronomer of remarkable attainments and high scientific reputation. According to Mulhatten's story, it was "Prof." Klein who had discovered the star...

IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Steam Roads Having a Run for Their Life in New England.

EXTENSION OF TROLLEY PRIVILEGES

Court Ruling on Question of Damages from Electrical Telegraph Meter and Talk Register.

A writer in Harper's Weekly calls attention to the expansion of electric roads in the New England States and its effect on steam railroads. "The question," says the writer, "of adopting electricity of the railroads which run through populous centers is more generally agitated in New England than elsewhere..."

The conditions in New England probably help to make the steam railroads of that section progressive in the adoption of electricity. The trolley has sprung up and multiplied there like the proverbial mushroom. The total electric mileage in Massachusetts in 1894 was about 600 miles...

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The Bird-Crested Tree.

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The dispatch concluded with an account of how the explorer wrote of the discovery to Prof. Wordenbauer of the University of Heidelberg, who replied that the tree was the Arbor Diaboli, only two specimens of which had been known to science, one growing on a bank of the mangas and the other on the island of Sumatra.

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based upon the fact that a current which leaves a metallic surface by a conducting path which is non-dissipative and not chemically decomposable, will produce no electrolytic effect on that surface. To this end the pipe or other metallic structure to be protected has interposed between it and the surrounding soil an electrolytically conducting medium such as a mixture of graphite with some binding material by means of which it may be applied and fixed to the surface of the metallic structure...

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