

WORKING THE HOLIDAY CRAFT

An Army of Fakirs 10,000 Strong Separating Tools from Their Money.

WHENCE GENUINE BARKER COMES FROM

Some of the Season's Novelties by Which Jays of Every Degree Are Induced to Cough Up Their Pile.

Ten thousand Christmas fakirs are now on the streets of the cities and large towns of the United States barking the novelties for the holiday season.

New York will be made to listen to the insistent pleadings of 500 of the brass-lunged and stick-tongued fakirs until Christmas day dawns. Philadelphia will be worked by half this number and Boston, Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis and Pittsburgh will each be given attention by a hundred bawling street men.

Chicago cannot be covered thoroughly with a man less than 350; San Francisco's contingent will aggregate 150, and such cities as Milwaukee, Buffalo, Cleveland, St. Paul and Cincinnati will be strenuously solicited to part with nickles and dimes by from fifty to one hundred fakirs, according to the fertility of the field.

And in many another town—Columbus, New Orleans, Charleston, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Albany, Omaha, for example—the number will vary from two or three to twenty or thirty.

Fakirs Shun New Jersey.

In every state and territory, except one, the Christmas fakir will be in the heat of commercial strife when another day dawns. The exception is New Jersey, and the street man will keep without its boundaries for the very good business reason that he cannot make money within them.

From the fakir's viewpoint Jersey is the monetary Sahara of America, because its inhabitants, having the advantage of cheap railroad rates to New York and Philadelphia, seem to buy even a 5-cent Christmas novelty elsewhere than in those two cities just beyond their state's line.

But wherever he operates—whether in Wall street among the brokers, always good customers, or in the shadow of the Golden Gate; whether in the blizzard-swept cities of the northwest or under languid southern skies, with hollow, leaning negroes as principal purchasers of his wares—the Christmas fakir, five times out of six, will have the stamp of New York upon him.

He will be from the East Side and of the East Side still, no matter how far away he may be from the tenement home that his mind will hark back to when he utters his stentorian voice.

It has been thirty-four years since the boss fakir, the neowebby of 13, originated the street man occupation. Until he began barking pennies one morning in front of the old New York postoffice, in Nassau street, no one except a few Jews were trying to sell things on the thoroughfares, and they offered only dust brooms and other minor household necessities.

It is conservatively estimated that between now and Christmas the 10,000 fakirs will take in \$2,000,000, and above the percentage that goes to the utter back of them, the average New York, Chicago or Philadelphia street man clears anywhere from \$400 to \$700 for his work on the ten days prior to Christmas.

Such a condition calls for the prompt use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and enriches the blood and builds up the body with sound, solid flesh.

"Your kindness to me I can never forget," writes Mrs. John E. Clark of Blue Springs, Shelby Co., Mo. "I had been in bed for nearly two years, had such a loss of weight, and was so weak and nervous, that I had given up all hope of ever getting well."

Christmas Gifts for Men A Few Suggestions of Seasonable Value.

"Blessed are they who give and expect nothing," said some modern prophet. He had men in his mind's eye. Yet there are few of the human family who, during the hallowed season, would enjoy a surprise with greater zest than the boys of bygone days.

As a means of promoting surprises and scattering joy around the men, a few hints are submitted to women of good intentions. The choice of suitable gifts for men is painfully limited.

Most things are expensive beyond the means of the average woman. Moreover, men are difficult to please. Good-natured ones will pretend to be pleased.

Anxious donors, however, will have suspicions that the cravat is not of the right color, that the penwiper is not regarded as highly useful, and that the pocket watch is a trifle out of the way.

If one is afraid to venture upon a cravat, he might at least try a rack over which this may hang.

This is made by covering a long, slender mailing tube with fancy silk or pretty ribbon, all must be neat and masculine looking, and, above all things, easy to open.

Answering these requirements is a linen-covered case which looks much like a business envelope.

Two pieces of pasteboard twelve inches long and five wide are placed about four inches apart, with the long sides parallel. The linen is pasted on while they lie in this position.

A contrasting shade of linen or silk is pasted on the other side for the lining. The linen between the boards is folded into accordion pleats and a piece of elastic sewed to the two sides at each end.

The case is fastened with a strap and loop or buckle. A monogram or initial is the only decorative fancy which is suitable.

To make a collar bag, secure the linen around a six-inch mailing tube. Four inches deep is a good proportion.

Line with the same material used in the cuff case.

Both the lining and outside material are allowed to extend above the pastebord sides far enough to reach the center, then form a narrow frill.

An elastic cord is passed through eye-lets in the frill, where it reaches the center.

To open the fingers stretch this cord until it fits down over the sides. It will quickly regain its first place when the strains is released.

The monogram may be worked on one side.

An uncovered pastebord bandbox, if covered with art linen, lined and cushioned at the bottom and over the extending inner rim for supporting the hat, will closely resemble a leather hat box.

Red satin lining is most serviceable and forms a pleasing contrast to the tan linen covering.

To protect the lining of a man's coat from being worn and marred by rough hangers, linen, satin or ribbon may be drawn smoothly over well-shaped wooden hangers.

If the material is plain, the initial or monogram is worked on the face.

A set of these will please a man more than many more expensive gifts.

Such articles as suspenders, dress suit protector, hose and undershirts may be embroidered with an initial or a simple pattern.

For his comfort in the library give a man a leather foot cushion.

The squares or oblongs of leather are easily fastened together with a thong passed through holes made with a rivet eye punch.

If the cushion is for a den, lace Chinese pennies around the border and finish the corners with a touch of loose leather strips.

The study lamp may have a new shade of leather, on which a Chinese or Japanese dragon disports itself.

Each scale is cut out that the light may pass through.

The eyes, tongue and horns are treated in the same way.

The outline of the dragon may be burnt on the leather or made of a separate piece and pasted on.

Imagine an orange-colored dragon on a green lamp shade, or a green one on red. To this the light piercing through the scales adds a fanciful effect.

Rights Ireland Has Lost An American Judge Watches "Crimes Act" in Operation.

Justice James Fitzgerald of the New York supreme court spent his vacation abroad. In Ireland the dramatic operation of the crimes act attracted his attention as a lawyer and jurist. On investigation he found much popular ignorance of the act's meaning and force.

"It is the general opinion that Ireland is governed by the same laws which prevail in Great Britain," said Judge Fitzgerald. "In other words, that her people enjoy the constitutional rights which are guaranteed to all subjects of the crown in England, Wales and Scotland."

"The Imperial Parliament enacts the laws which prevail in the three kingdoms, as they are called. Under no matter what conditions in any part of England, the powers given the Irish executive by the crimes act?"

"Ireland is practically crimeless. On December last five county prisons in Ireland were permanently closed, Carrick-on-Shannon, Drogheda, Enniskillen, Omagh and Wicklow. Without wishing to make any disparaging comparisons between Ireland and England or Scotland, comparative statistics show a steady decrease in crime in Ireland, while in the other two kingdoms the contrary is the case."

"In England they are building new prisons and enlarging the old ones. In Ireland a mighty army in the shape of a constabulary is maintained at the expense of the nation, the members of which swarm in idleness, except when called upon to do the landlady's work. Settle the land question and a dozen constables in each of the counties, with a small municipal police force in the cities, would be ample to keep order in Ireland and in restraint."

"It is surprising, then, that Ireland is not more progressive, that its industries and its industries suffer. Give the power to a hostile executive to exercise the despotic powers of the Irish crimes act in London, Liverpool or Manchester, even for a few months, and the merchants and traders of these cities would no longer express astonishment that business did not flourish in Dublin, Cork or Limerick. Their surprise would be that there was the hum of any industry at all in these places after the years of coercion with which they have been cursed."

"At the present time more than twelve counties are proclaimed, and three of the principal cities, including the capital, are similarly distinguished. When it is borne in mind that these extraordinary powers are at present directed against the United Irish league, the slight excuse availed for proclaiming the cities will be realized. Section 6 empowers the Irish executive by special proclamation to declare an association to be dangerous and membership therein become ipso facto a crime; the publication of the proceedings of any meeting of such a society is a crime; it is a crime also to receive or harbor a member of such a society."

"It surely is not remarkable that under such circumstances Irishmen are discontented and rebellious? Could they be any more so? Can they be any more so? Can they be any more so? Can they be any more so?"

"The handiest novelty is a combination tool that can be used as a stove cover, a hot pan lifter, a hot pot tipper, pipe tongs, pliers, staple puller, nut crackers, hog fingers, and what not."

The most ambitious thing that the fakirs will have in a talking machine, rendered somewhat out of date by more recent inventions, but for which they hope to realize \$150.

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