DERBY STAKE INCREASED

Washington Park Club Adds Five Thousand to Bulky Purse.

ALL PRIZES TO BE LARGE IN FUTURE

No Race Will Be Run with Less Than Six Hundred Dollars as Trophy for Winning Horse Owners.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The American Derby to be run next year on June 29 will have its value increased by $5,000. The Washington Park club will add in all $25,000, which will bring the total value of the race close to $30,000.

Announcement of the stake list of the club's twenty-five-day meeting was made today by the secretary. With two exceptions the stakes are identically the same as they were last season. The Derby is increased by $5,000 and the Hyde Park stakes, the rich event for 2-year-olds, will be worth in added money a total of $7,000, an increase of $2,500.

Following is a list of the stakes and the added money offered by the South Side club:

	Added.
American Derby	$25,000
Sheridan stakes	4,000
Englewood stakes	2,000
Drexel stakes	2,000
Midway stakes	2,000
Auburn stakes	2,000
Oakwood handicap	2,500
Great Western handicap	3,000
Young handicap	5,000
Wheeler handicap	7,500
Hyde Park stakes	7,500
Lakeside stakes	2,000
Kenwood stakes	2,000
Maywood stakes	2,000
Edgewater stakes	2,000
Quickstep stakes	2,000
Lakeview handicap	2,000
Total	$74,500

Announcement is also made that the club will be more liberal next season. There will not be a purse worth less than $600. Entries to the stakes will close on January 15.

GOVERNOR IS VERY POSITIVE

Bliss is Determined that McGovern-Corbett Contest Shall Not Occur in Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Speaking of the proposed McGovern-Corbett fight in Detroit and Governor Bliss' attitude toward it, Sheriff Henry A. Dickson of Wayne county said today that he interpreted the governor's letter of yesterday as merely holding the sheriff responsible to see that no state law was violated and not as an order to prevent the contest.

The sheriff said he did not consider boxing as dangerous as foot ball. "On the contrary I have decided to take an expert with me to the Corbett-McGovern contest," said Dickson, "to see that things are as they should be. If the contest is legal, I do not see how I could prevent the men from entering the ring."

Governor Bliss, who is in the city, has announced his intention of conferring with the sheriff today about the matter and said: "I thought I made my letter to the sheriff plain enough. It was my intention then, as it is now, to see that he prevent the fight taking place. I so instructed him, I think."

MOOR WINS CRESCENT CITY

Big New Orleans Race Handily Won by Skillful Jockey.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Jockey Buchanan evened up with his late employers today when he landed Moor two lengths in front of The Lady at the finish of the Crescent City handicap, worth $2,000. Jessie Jarboe had all of the early speed, but ran her race in the first six furlongs. Buchanan rated Moor nicely and outrode Williams on The Lady through the last furlong. The Hildreth stable furnished three winners, Gannon being up in each case.

The track was slow and the weather cloudy. Results:

First race, selling, six furlongs: Little Jack Horner won, Granter second, Bedlam third. Time: 1:17 2-5.

Second race, selling, one mile: Harry Wilson won, Optimo second, Eliza Dillon third. Time: 1:44 2-5.

Third race, five furlongs: Farmer Jim won, Welcome Light second, Pirate third. Time: 1:32 1-5.

Fourth race, handicap, one mile and a quarter: Moor won, The Lady second, Jessie Jarboe third. Time: 2:10 2-5.

Fifth race, six furlongs: John Peters won, Harry New second, Boaster third. Time: 1:15 2-5.

Sixth race, selling, one mile and a half: Trocadero won, Cogswell second, Lady Chorister third. Time: 2:41 4-5.

Fight Ends in First Round.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Mose Felthouser threw up the sponge in the first round with Billy Rhodes, and Pete Rooney won the wrestling bout held at the armory here tonight. There were a large number of people present from Omaha, Lincoln, Plattsmouth and surrounding towns, in addition to the local contingent.

KRISHNA WINS FUTURITY

Big Ingleside Race Brings Out Sprinters and Goes to Favorite.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Krishna, a Water Cress colt from the stable of Walter Jennings, won the California Jockey club Futurity stakes at Ingleside today. The purse was $16,254, which made it one of the richest ever placed in the west.

A fine list of youngsters went to the post, with Krishna favorite. The MacDonough pair, Organdie and Orfeo, were next in demand, while Sylvia Talbot and Deutschland of the Schrieber stable were third choices. Jake Holtman sent them away to a perfect start, with Arfeo in front. Nervator soon took command, with Krishna in the first flight. Burns called on the Jennings colt at the stretch and he quickly passed Nervator, galloping home a winner by over three lengths. Nervator beat Organdie for the place. Polonus was knocked out of the race soon after the start, but closed well.

Searchlight dropped dead from a bursted blood vessel while exercising today.

Weather clear and track good. Results:

First race, Futurity course, selling: Bard Burns won, Katherine Ennis second, Oscar Tolle third. Time: 1:12¼.

Second race, Futurity course, selling: Maggie Felix won, Ned Dennis second, Golden Cottage third. Time: 1:13.

Third race, one and one-sixteenth mile, selling: Eva G won, Bessie McCarthy second, Diderot third. Time: 1:49.

Fourth race, one mile and seventy yards, handicap: Corrigan won, Vesuvian second, Marque third. Time: 1:47¼.

Fifth race, six furlongs and 100 feet, California Futurity: Krishna won, Nervator second, Organdie third. Time: 1:17¾.

Sixth race, six furlongs: Huachua won, Sad Sam second, Irene Lindsey third. Time: 1:12.

WISH INTERNATIONAL GOLF

American Universities Seek to Arrange Games with Oxford and Cambridge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Delegates to the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Golf association met here today. Yale, Harvard, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia were represented. It was decided to hold the next annual tournament at Garden City on Tuesday, October 20.

The election of the officers resulted as follows: President, U. A. Murdock, University of Pennsylvania; vice president, Stewart Campbell, Yale; secretary and treasurer, L. H. Conklin, Princeton.

Cornell will be admitted into the association.

In the expectation that a team will be sent to this country next summer by Oxford and Cambridge universities a request was addressed to the secretary of the United States Golf association that a match be arranged with a team representing the American universities.

The president of the association was empowered to appoint a committee of five to communicate with the secretary of the United States Golf association and arrange details for the proposed match.

CHAMPION BOXER IS BEATEN

Jeffries Offers Forfeit Which is Taken by Amateur at Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 20.—Champion Jeffries tonight lost a decision in a four-round contest with Jack Munroe, after a fierce fight. At one time the champion went to his knees and a knockout looked possible.

Jeffries and his manager offered a forfeit of $250 for any one to stand against Jeffries for four rounds and Munroe accepted the challenge. At the end of the fourth Munroe was still ready to fight. He is amateur champion of the Pacific coast. Fitzsimmons has posted a forfeit of $500 to put Munroe out in four rounds.

David City Bowling Contest.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Whizzers bowling team defeated the Bohemian champions of the alleys at the opera house bowling alley here last night in a one-sided game. The feature of the game was the difficult spares and team work of the Whizzers team. In detail it was as follows:

WHIZZERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Hale	196	179	139	514
Skiles	163	168	169	500
Disney	193	120	164	477
Bahr	163	195	165	522
M. Evans	116	162	199	477
Total				2,492

BOHEMIANS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Joseph Shramek	139	114	167	420
E. Peschek	129	129	106	364
Dworek	143	147	177	467
Kafka	145	146	142	433
Havel	159	175	165	499
Total				2,183

Straight Flushes.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Dec. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: I write you as referee on slot machine result. A claims that the ace, deuce, four, five and tray of diamonds is not a straight flush of diamonds if mixed as stated (1, 2, 4, 5, 3). The directions on wheel are that a straight flush must be all of one suit in rotation, as 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. The question is: Is the first problem in rotation, 1, 2, 4, 5, 3.

WILLIAM L. M'MILLAN.

Answer—In all games played with cards wherein sequences count it is only necessary that the needed cards of the proper denomination be present. Ace, deuce, four, five and tray of diamonds would be a straight flush in poker; would count 153 with a run of five in cribbage, and is of similar value in other games. Therefore, as a slot machine is based on poker hands in all other respects the hand mentioned is a straight flush. No replies by mail.

LAST WEEK WITH THE BOWLERS

Locals Get Some Points and Much Encouragement from the Visiting Experts.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Omaha	30	22	8	.733
Gate City	30	20	10	.667
National	27	13	14	.481
St. Charles	27	13	14	.481
Clarkson	30	14	16	.467
German	30	13	17	.433
Krug Park	30	11	19	.367
Western	30	11	19	.367

New impetus has been given to bowling by the recent visit of the All-American championship team to this city. This fact is apparent not so much in a spread of interest as in a revival and acceleration of interest among those who were already devotees of the game. Local bowlers generally feel that they have learned a great deal from having been able to see these professionals roll the balls, and it is at least to be observed that some of them have copied the delivery and some of the little tricks of the visitors. Whether this adaptation of new methods will prove beneficial in all instances is a question, but it is fair to presume that the more extended experience and study of the play of others will work good in some cases.

The affairs of the local league are this week in somewhat ragged condition, owing to the fact that the National and St. Charles teams failed to play their games, and are therefore left just where they were at the beginning of last week. Omaha still leads, with Gate City a good second, each of those teams having won three straight, the victims having been the German and Krug Park, respectively. Western, which has been trailing along at the finish for some weeks, and losing three straight pretty regularly, varied the monotony of that system by winning two from Clarkson.

Following is the standing of the individual players in the league games:

	Games.	Pins.	Average.
Emery	30	5,553	185
Furay	9	1,608	178
F. A. Keller	12	2,134	177
Alexander Reed	21	3,727	177
Beselin	27	4,773	176
Brunke	30	5,305	176
L. J. Schneider	30	5,295	176
Fritsche	27	4,759	176
Encell	30	5,267	175
Albert Krug	24	4,201	175
Huntington	30	5,246	174
Zarp	21	3,644	173
Sherwood	24	4,144	172
Alf Keller	24	4,128	172
Tracey	21	3,611	171
Forscutt	24	4,121	171
Francisco	30	5,145	171
Yoder	15	2,568	171
Lehman	24	4,080	170
F. W. Schneider	27	4,614	170
Potter	24	4,061	170
Weber	30	5,088	169
Jones	24	4,078	169
H. D. Reed	30	5,047	168
Sheldon	21	3,535	168
Denman	30	5,037	167
Gilchrist	24	4,028	167
Wigman	15	2,517	167
Ahmanson	24	4,018	167
Bridenbecker	3	503	167

High scores for the week at Clarks: M. R. Huntington, 209, 201, 215, 214, 210, 212, 229, 202, 206, 204, 205, 206, 202, 221; W. H. Wigman, 201, 203, 212, 200, 211; W. H. Emery, 213, 222, 203, 206, 236; H. Beselin, 201, 202, 209; W. W. Hartley, 201, 212, 214; E. M. Tracy, 201, 203; Williams, 205; Charles French, 209, 203; Al Krug, 213, 210; H. L. Fowler, 225, 240; M. Z. Forscutt, 210, 215, 211, 204; Earle R. Stiles, 220; Dr. Boyd, 213; H. D. Reed, 220, 200, 203, 200, 225, 245; C. J. Francisco, 213, 235; W. S. Potter, 224, 204, 212; F. B. Palmer, 232; Neale, 216; W. F. Clarkson, 201, 207, 210; C. M. Zarp, 210, 206; Henry Baden, 209; F. W. Schneider, 205; Sievers, 212; Selback, 207; Phil Wolf, 206, 203, 200; D. J. O'Brien, 211; J. J. Vorheis, 214, 204, 207; W. H. Ahmanson, 208; L. Rothschilds, 221; Martin, 205; Ryner, 202.

Mrs. O. P. Judd's score of 192 is still high for the women's prize.

With 252 F. B. Palmer won a prize.

By scoring 24 in three successive games of ninepins Charles H. Mullins won a prize.

Charles French scored 82 at seven-up and got a prize for it.

High scores for the week on the Gate City alleys: Martin E. Nelson, Chicago, 210; B. F. Hull, 222, 240; C. B. Bridenbecker, 210, 212, 201, 201, 201, 209; Dr. Fair, Chicago, 200, 201; A. Saidy, 201, 203, 213; Guy Gillenback, 200; M. C. Sprague, 205; W. A. Chandler, 233; G. Benson, 208, 205; M. Q. Martin, 202, 206; C. Bueiow, 206; J. Thomas, 220; H. H. Jones, 204; J. F. Bengele, 203, 200, 245; C. J. Francisco, 213; Bob Encell, 203; F. Glidden, Fremont, 202, 222.

J. F. Bengele rolled 245 at tenpins, which won him one of the prizes of the week, and also puts him high for the monthly tenpin prize.

W. C. Sherwood is now high for the monthly "kankakee" prize with a score of 195 for three games.

High scores for the week at Lentz & Williams' alleys: H. Lund, 215, 212, 204, 211; W. F. Weber, 212, 208, 222, 223, 232, 220, 222, 202, 207, 207; William Zitzman, 210; L. S. Schneider, 205, 212, 213; W. C. Brunke, 207, 202; King Denman, 208; E. L. Hinton, 205, 200; John Lund, 224; Emil Lund, 225; H. D. Reed, 217; R. W. Ayer, 200; I. P. Reynolds, 212; M. L. Martin, 232; W. Usher, 201; F. Dietz, 224, 201; S. H. Cherness, 213; D. Williams, 205; E. Cochran, 224; H. Beselin, 224, 220, 201; Arthur Falconer, 202; Ed Creighton, 202; E. Zitzman, 220; J. Fagan, 222; Ward Hartley, 203; Guy Furay, 202; Charles Zarp, 221, 213; H. W. Lehman, 203; Peter Nielsen, 204.

ST. LOUIS PRIZES GO UP

Derby Worth Five Thousand More and World's Fair Handicap Fifty Thousand in All.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—Announcement was made today of the stake list of the St. Louis Fair association for the seventy-four-day meeting, from May 2 to June 27 and October 3 to 31, 1903. The St. Louis Derby, to be run on June 13, is increased by $5,000, the Club Members' handicap carries $2,000 additional and $1,500 is added to the Inaugural handicap.

Following is the list of the stakes and added money:

Inaugural handicap, $1,500; Debutantes, $1,000; Mississippi Valley, selling, $1,000; Press, selling, $1,000; Country Club handicap, $1,000; Kindergarten, $1,000; Memorial handicap, $1,000; June handicap, $1,000; Club Members' handicap, $2,000; Junior championship, $1,200; Native Nursery, $1,000; Lemp handicap, $1,000; October, selling, $1,000; Criterion handicap, $1,000; Fair, selling, $1,000; Laurel handicap, $1,000; Forecast handicap, $1,000; Final, selling, $1,000; St. Louis Derby, $5,000.

The World's Fair handicap, to be run in 1904, will be for a purse of $50,000, and the estimated value of the St. Louis Derby purse for that season will be $15,000.

Highs Win First Game.

The high school basket ball team played its first scheduled game with the second Young Men's Christian association team last night, which resulted in the defeat of the latter. The game was closely contested up to the last minute of play. The high school has a stronger team this year than ever before.

Lineup:

HIGH SCHOOL—15.		Y. M. C. A.—12.
Cherrington, Capt.	F.	Spencer, Capt.
Thomas, Devalon	F.	Swan
Mayer, Cooper	C.	Bixton
Laubaugh, Patterson	G.	Paterson
Walsh	G.	Stilson

O'Brien to Box Weinig.

BUFFALO, Dec. 20.—Articles were filed today for a twenty-round contest between Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Al Weinig. The men will meet before the International Athletic club on New Year's afternoon at catch weights. The winner is to take all of the purse. O'Brien has also posted $2,500 to Weinig's $1,500 as a side bet.

Sioux City Bowlers Lose.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 20.—The All-American bowling team defeated a Sioux City team today by 2,735 to 2,553. Five games were played, the Sioux City team winning the last by 594 to 553. Huhry of Sioux City made the high score, 213.

Beatrice Defeats Wilber.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Wilber and Beatrice bowling teams played here last night, the latter winning the game by 119 pins. The contest was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators.

Live Bird Shoot.

At the Dicky Bird Gun club's grounds today there will be a live bird race between Messrs. Sherwood and Tooser. Sweepstake events will also be shot off. The game will begin at 1:30.

Scientist Reaches Berkeley.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 20.—Prof. Jacques Loeb, the eminent biologist, who on November 11, was chosen by the Board of Regents a member of the faculty of the University of California, has reached Berkeley, coming direct from Chicago. He will soon begin his experimental work in the laboratory of the university.

WILY BEGGARS WIN WEALTH

Lusty Cripples Who Work the Generous and Accumulate Fortune.

TYPES OF THE CLASS IN NEW YORK

Dual Lives of Some of the Notable Members of the Profession—How They Act on the Streets and at Home.

That many a beggar lives a dual life is a fact of which the public now and then gets a fleeting glimpse through a brief police report. But it is seldom so strikingly exemplified as in the career of Matto Modric, the king of beggars, a picturesque mendicant whose achievements are sketched in the New York Herald.

Princes in historic legend and fable have played the pauper, but they usually did it for diversion or to test the loyalty of their subjects.

In Modric's case is found a masquerader who has successfully maintained his dual role for fifteen years. His is the unique distinction of a beggar playing the pauper for revenue only in the country of his adoption, while he plays the prince once a year to enjoy himself, displaying his riches right royally among his old Croatian neighbors and dazzling their peasant simplicity with his lavish emulation of the extravagance of a prodigal duke or a captain of industry.

King Modric has just made his yearly visit home, and Vienna cable dispatches reported his departure for New York "on a fast steamship," to resume the beggar role, whereby he steadily adds to the wealth that has sufficed already to buy him houses, lands and cattle and to make him the most opulent citizen in the military district of Kriz. More than once the United States immigration authorities have tried to bar him out. They were warned and knew of his dual life as long ago as 1893, when Johann Bralic, one of the beggar king's Croatian neighbors, wrote them a long letter, describing graphically the airs and graces assumed by Modric in his old home town, where he was esteemed as an influential capitalist who had conquered fortune in the new world by his genius for business and his unflagging zeal.

Bralic himself had been lured to America by Modric's glittering tales and had been astounded to find the great man of Kriz in the rags of a mendicant, begging in New York's streets. Confronted by his old neighbor, Matto had brazenly confessed the source of his wealth and had advised Bralic to adopt the same career.

Acting upon Bralic's information, the immigration officials detained Modric when he disembarked from the Edam in 1893. But the beggar king was wily and audacious. His gold had the true ring. He took a solemn oath that he had never begged alms in his life. He passed the cordon and the next day the Croatian Croesus was again metamorphosed into the miserable mendicant of New York.

A Profitable Graft.

That was nine years ago. Since then he has been going and coming, wearing his rags in America and his silks and satins in Europe. Men who have defended him in court say that his average income from professional beggary has been more than $10 a day. Nobody knows just how much he is worth. His fortune, not great for New York or, perhaps, even for Hoboken, is enough to give him an almost princely status in Croatia, and it is safe to say that he is rich enough to buy out any one of more than two-thirds of the charitable folk who daily drop their spare coin into his tattered cap.

King Modric is about 45 years old. In person he is lean and of only medium stature. A natural stoop of the shoulders has been deliberately accentuated as an accessory to his art, until he can readily pass for a hunchback, when it suits his purpose to do so. He is master of many tricks of mendicancy, but his specialty is to expose an arm apparently shockingly mutilated and a hand the index finger of which is gone. The finger he sacrificed years ago to exempt him from military duty in his native land. As for the arm, his methods of imposture were exposed some months ago, when Recorder Stanton of Hoboken presided at the hearing of a case involving $190, which Modric was said to have given to Lucia Miskulon, a woman who for the time had pleased his royal fancy.

It was demonstrated then that Modric habitually treated the arm with acids and distorted it with bandages, rubbing in iodoform afterward to aggravate its abnormal appearance. It was learned, also, that he was the leading spirit, if not the padrone, or "pantata," of a band of kindred spirits, whose rendezvous had been at various times either at 528 Adams street, 229 Jackson street or 68 Jefferson street, in Hoboken. Many of those who congregated with him in these tenements were, like himself, self-mutilated for begging purposes. For their board and lodging they paid a pittance of from 15 to 25 cents a day each. Their incomes ranged from $4 to $10 daily. Captain Hayes of the Hoboken police investigated this tatterdemalion court and took the names of a score or so of its courtiers.

So far as could be learned their only bond was a "professional" one. They agreed amicably upon a partition of the territory which each should be permitted to "work," but this appeared to be the only particular in which the band merited the appellation of a "beggars' trust." Modric was an undisputed chief among them, but that he profited from any part of his comrades' revenues, though suspected, was never proven.

Just what are the traits that have given him an easy ascendancy over his fellows it would be hard to say. But he has great native shrewdness, is uncommonly resourceful and persons who know him say he is not without a sort of personal magnetism that is foreign to most mendicants. To these attributes he adds a knowledge of men and affairs commonly acquired by those who have traveled and have seen more of life than their own little circle.

Matto Modric speaks no English and professes to understand none, but he probably affects a linguistic ignorance more profound than genuine. When Lucia Miskulon was pressing her claim against him in court she produced a book and a series of cards which comprised a choice collection in English of those pathetic placards so familiar to city life as an appendage to the maimed, the halt and the blind who beg alms along the shopping thoroughfares or who cloak professional mendicancy under the thin disguise of peddling lead pencils or shoe strings. The author of these apocryphal placards telling of mythical explosions and other dire misfortunes was the son of a Hoboken saloon keeper, who turned them out to order at reasonable rates. He is now studying law in a New York lawyer's office.

Lives in Hoboken, "Works" New York.

Of course Hoboken was only the resting place and dormitory of this beggar band and New York has been their field of operations only from time to time. Vigilance on the part of the special officers of the Charity Organization society and the periodic activity of the police have often driven them to other pastures. Those Hoboken authorities who have watched their movements and respectable members of the Croatian colony of New York who know their habits say that they regard Boston as a veritable beggars' paradise. King Modric's spare and stooped form is almost as familiar, however, in the streets of Pittsburg, Chicago and even San Francisco as it is in those of New York or Boston.

There have been in current newspaper literature many so-called "beggar kings" and "panhandler princes." Modric's seeming pre-eminence among them may or may not be merited. Many others have enriched themselves by playing successfully upon the sympathies of an overcredulous public, and agents of the Charity Organization society such as James Forbes or William Reinicke could fill volumes with true tales of the comedy and tragedy of professional mendicancy in New York.

It is well known now that there are resorts in the lower east side where nightly the blind read the newspapers and play pinochle, where the deaf and dumb talk politics volubly, where palsied arms pound sloppy table tops with thick bottomed beer glasses, where crutches are stacked in the corner, wooden legs are given a night off and real legs of flesh and bone are mysteriously released from flapping trousers and stretched in welcome relaxation from a long restraint.

A Beggar Trust.

By the arrest of a colony of beggars last April there was exposed the existence at No. 180 Forsyth street of a regularly organized mendicants' trust, together with a school for the expeditious making to order of bogus cripples. From evidence presented in the Yorkville court it appeared that of the seven prisoners arraigned all were sound physically, though only a few hours before all had been apparently afflicted with dire bodily infirmities.

Andrew Anderson, a tall, one-legged fellow, of keen intelligence, was the president of the organization. Two of his confederates became state's witnesses and testified that he received one-half of all the receipts taken in by the beggars in his employ. As they collected from $6 to $8 daily, and there were ten members of the band, Anderson's daily income ranged from $30 to $40. Out of this revenue he supplied the necessary crutches, canes, goggles, bandages and other theatrical properties used in their masquerade, and under the written "articles of agreement" the president also bound himself to pay the fines of such members as might be arrested and to care for them during possible illness. He was the final arbiter of all questions as to disputed territory, and he had a sort of beggar roundsman, whose duty it was to go about and see that his minions were properly zealous in their duties.

It was the custom of the Forsyth street rendezvous to school beggars carefully to their work and to make bogus cripples to order, binding legs and arms in such a way as to easily deceive the tender hearted shop girls, from whom was derived a large portion of their daily alms. Charles Turck, the general manager, told in court how he had bound up the sound arm of a beggar named James Sullivan to his body and Sullivan corroborated him. Either Anderson or Turck usually attended to such operations, and carefully inspected each pretended cripple to see that he had the true appearance of decrepitude.

Anderson, who was a master of his art, so disguised his emissaries as to give them frequently a most realistic appearance of suffering either from injury or wasting disease. The president and several of his colleagues were sent to the work house for six months. In court each referred to the others in terms of the utmost respect, invariably using the prefix "Mister."

When Off Duty.

Like Modric, all of these impostors knew how to enjoy life thoroughly and spend money freely in their hours of ease when not "on duty." William Seibel, a one-legged German, has been one of the most notorious of New York offenders. Special Agent Reinicke was stationed one night at the Metropolitan Opera house during the Grau season to see that beggars should not infest the entrance and annoy the patrons. He could hardly believe his eyes when he saw Seibel, properly arrayed in evening dress, ride up in a livery stable rig and gallantly assist to the pavement a well-dressed woman. The beggar's cork leg was well covered by trousers sharply creased fore and aft, an opera hat topped off his head, and from his shoulders hung an opera cloak of irreproachable cut. As he entered the brilliantly lighted foyer only a slight limp betrayed the cripple whose forlorn pose and melancholy glance were familiar to the Broadway of the daylight hours. The pair had good seats for the opera, well down toward the center of the orchestra.

When Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon examined the body of "Dan" O'Brien, a supposed paralytic who for years had been a familiar figure on ferry boats and "L" trains, he exposed a lifelong imposture. O'Brien had never suffered a stroke of paralysis, but had killed himself with strong drink at 35 years of age. He had a particularly interesting alcoholic brain, which is now in the Carnegie laboratory as a dipsomania exhibit.

Henry Hart was another well known "fake" cripple. His specialty used to be to board an "L" train and pass through it distributing cards inscribed, "Please help a man whose arm is paralyzed." He also offered for sale small packages of court plaster or some such cheap commodity. After "working" one train he would step off at one of the stations and await the arrival of the next. Detective Thomas Hughes arrested him last March and took him to the West Thirtieth street police station. Presently there arrived a neatly dressed little woman, who wore diamonds in her ears. With her was a friend arrayed in a fashionable gown, a fur boa, an automobile coat and a "picture hat" garnished with ostrich plumes. She of the diamond earrings was Hart's wife. She expressed the utmost astonishment when she learned of the charge made against her spouse.

"Why," said she, "I always understood that Henry was employed in a downtown restaurant. We have always had money enough to live comfortably."

A crutch suspiciously new betrayed Thomas Ross as a "fake" cripple one day about two years ago in Williamsburg. In front of Alderman Holler's jewelry store Ross sat huddled and bandaged, as though suffering from a whole catalogue of awful ailments. Policeman Luke Maxwell was suspicious and questioned the beggar. Ross arose with many groans and contortions and said his right arm and left leg had been fractured three weks before in a Beekman street explosion. Maxwell, not convinced, started to arrest the beggar. Ross, hurling his crutch across the pavement, ran away like a roebuck. He has sprinted three blocks before he was caught and in his wake he left a trail of discarded splints and bandages.

MOTHER AND SON.

Episode of a Convict's Temporary Removal from Sing Sing.

An old, white-haired woman wandered timidly about the corridor of the criminal courts building the other day, relates the New York Sun, anxiously looking about, but venturing to ask no one for information. District Attorney's Clerk Henneberry watched her for some time and then asked her if he could be of assistance to her.

"O, dear," said she, "I am trying to get a glimpse of my son, whom I haven't seen in eight years and I don't know where to look for him."

"Where do you expect to find him?" asked Mr. Henneberry.

"I don't just rightly know," replied the old woman, "but he's to be a witness in some court. There are so many courts and they all look so much alike that I hardly know where I have been."

"But don't you know the case he is to testify in?" asked Mr. Henneberry.

The old woman's eyes sank. Finally she answered in a low voice:

"He is to testify in the murder trial of Duncan Young, and he's been in Sing Sing prison for eight years. He has two more years yet to serve, and I read in one of the papers that he was to be here today.

"So I thought that I would come here and maybe they would let me in the courtroom so that I could see him, even if from afar, while he was testifying. Or, if they wouldn't do that, perhaps I could see him as he was being led across the corridor on his way to the courtroom from the Tombs.

"He was convicted of burglary; but I'm sure he was led away. He was a good boy.

"Eight years is such a long time, and when he gets out I may not be alive. I'm an old woman and I haven't been feeling very strong of late."

Mr. Henneberry took her to his office and made her comfortable while he set about to locate her son. He soon found that the man would not leave the Tombs at all that day, but would testify the next.

He made out a pass to the Tombs and sent for a Tombs keeper, to whose care he intrusted the old woman. He said nothing to her as to his intentions, but told her to follow the officer.

The officer took her over the bridge of sighs and into the new prison. She was trembling as she was led along the row of cells, for she began to get a glimmering of where she was going and to understand that she was not only to see her son, but also to talk to him again.

"These poor old bent mothers, they haunt these courts and are heartbroken over their erring sons," said Mr. Henneberry, after the old woman had gone away. "I think they are the saddest of all sights in this dismal building."

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