

SWINDLES IN PLAIN CLOTHES

Immense Variety of Schemes Designed to Reach the Easy Marks.

HOW THE POSTOFFICE DEALS WITH THEM

A Nebraska Proposition Awarded the Prize for Its Simple, Open-Handed Reach for Love-lorn Suckers.

"Swindling Through the Postoffice" is the title of a paper in the New York Independent by Edwin W. Lawrence, assistant attorney of the postoffice department.

By far the greater part of the time of the officials who administer the postal frauds and lottery law is occupied with cases arising under the portion condemning fraudulent schemes.

As shown by an outline of some of the schemes, the protection of fraud orders extends to all classes of people—rich and poor, educated and uneducated, farmer and merchant, financier, manufacturer and laborer.

Turf investment companies advertise to receive money to be used in betting on races, the winning of \$1 against the patron after deducting 10 per cent fee.

Race Betting Frauds. The past year other methods have been adopted by the department, and the schemes frustrated in their inception.

Alleged wheat and cotton funds are operated in a similar way. It is even more difficult to obtain evidence against these before they reap their harvest and disappear.

Diamond Bubbles. Diamond or merchandise contracts find a ready sale, and it is a constant effort for the department to suppress these.

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Holdings and Credulity. The boldness of some men and the credulity of others are striking and wonderful.

From Jonah's Adventure. A few years ago an advertisement appeared in religious papers that the writer, minister on his return to the Holy Land, chanced upon some seeds of Jonah's gourd.

Home work schemes, appealing to needy widows and orphans, are one of the swindles.

Schemes of All Kinds. Twenty dollars per 1,000 for copying letters at home is another inducement.

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of a sewing machine that would cost from \$50 to \$75.

Then we say, "don't throw your money away." This you will admit, is good advice.

Nebraska in the Running. A Tennessee at Knoxville displayed equal genius when, under the name of the Button Top Bedding company, he sent elaborate circular matter with an offer, as was alleged, to introduce his new invention.

There are said to be in the Turkish empire 2,120 mosques, 27 of which are in Constantinople.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY. Capital punishment still exists in Switzerland, but all death sentences imposed within the last half century have been commuted.

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without foundation. In fact, last winter a constantly increasing tendency was noticed to cover the pages of newspapers and periodicals with offensive and careless advertisements.

RELIGIOUS NOTES. The Rev. Hudson Taylor says that opium in China is doing more harm in a week than the united efforts of all our Christian missionaries are doing in a year.

Cardinal Langenieux, who has just died in France, was one of the greatest ecclesiastics of the nineteenth century.

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Miller, Stewart & Beaton 1315-17-19 Farnam Street JANUARY CLEARING SALE

ONLY EIGHT MORE DAYS In Which to Buy Furniture, Carpets, Draperies, Rugs and Lace Curtains at This Great Sacrifice.



Monday, January 23, we will inaugurate a sale such as we have never before attempted, in our DRAPERY DEPARTMENT.

SEE OUR EAST WINDOW EMBRACE THIS OPPORTUNITY

- Now is the time to have your old furniture recovered when materials are so cheap. 30-inch English Cretonnes, never sold for less than 25c—15c January Sale. Silk Gobelin Tapestries, 50 inches wide, worth \$2.50—1.75 January Sale.

A Big Cut in Couch Covers

All our couch covers are placed on sale at a great reduction. We are showing many styles and qualities. \$6.00 for \$4.50. Heavy reversible couch cover, 72 inches wide, our regular \$8.00 quality, January sale price, each—4.50

Linoleums

There are only eight more days in which you can buy a \$1.00 linoleum for 54c. There are only eight more days in which you can buy a 70c linoleum for 45c.

Rugs

There are only eight more days in which you can buy a \$35.00 Wilton Velvet or Axminster rug for 18.75.

Lace Curtains

We are showing hundreds of styles of lace curtains, in all qualities and designs, at prices too tempting to be overlooked.

Ruffled net curtains, with lace and insertion, 3 yards long, regular price per pair \$2.25, January sale—1.25. Heavy corded Arabian net curtains, 50 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards long, many styles to select from, worth \$3.75, January sale—2.50.

Large stock of Irish net lace curtains, full length and width, worth \$4.50, January sale price—2.75.

All our \$1.25 Madras, beautiful designs, rich colorings, made to harmonize with the wall decorations and surroundings, go in this sale at—85c per yard.

Don't Overlook Our Late Importation in Madras Drapery. We are showing a very large assortment, our own importation and exclusive designs, all 50 inches wide. \$1.75 for \$1.00. All our \$1.75 quality, which comprises many designs and colorings, go in this January sale at, per yard—1.00.

OUR FURNITURE DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVING THE SAME TREATMENT AND IN SOME INSTANCES PRICES ARE OUT TO JUST ONE HALF.

FREE SOLID GOLD WATCH. Any one can get this handsome watch by sending...

It could not be so good if it were not made right. Jetter's GOLD TOP. Jetter Brewing Company.

NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE. THE ORIGINAL remedy that "kills the Dandruff Germ." GOING! GOING!! GONE!!!

Baby's Mine. Every mother feels a great dread of the pain and danger attendant upon the most critical period of her life.

Health for Every Woman. Wine of Cardui makes it unnecessary for any woman to make a change of climate to secure health.