PROFESSIONAL BEGGARS IN TORONTO.

Their Green Room—Novel Eye Shades—The Cost of an Outfit.

Written for The World by G. H. C.

How I managed to penetrate into the green room of the beggars, as I may term it, will not be of any interest to anyone but myself. Suffice it to say, I did penetrate; and what I there heard and saw will be of interest. There is in a remote part of the city an establishment kept by a descendant of Father Abraham for the sole use of beggars. It is a sort of "beggar manufactory," and very good work it turns out.

Here they make sound men lame, blind and sore for a time, and at the expiration of the time transform the lame, blind and sore once more into sound men. Mr. Jew, like all his brethren, doesn't work for nothing; he has a regular scale of charges. To be fitted up as a beggar costs money, and the more fitting up you require the more it costs. So if you only wish to be lame; lame you may be for about twenty-five cents a day, but if you wish to add sore eyes to the lameness you will have to pay double that amount.

Very few adult beggars go into the sore eye business; the process is not pleasent, and besides it takes too long; so they devote the juvenile part of the community to that art. The poor children are consigned to the tender mercies of the Jew, who for a consideration undertakes to give them opthalmia, (or rather an imitation of it). The children are tied to a chair and each eye covered with a pill box.

In each box is a—cockroach.

When the cockroach gets hungry he commences to feed upon the eyelids of the poor little martyr, and in a few days the work is accomplished. The boxes are taken off and the eye dressed with some chemical to make it even worse than it was before; and the child is ready for begging.

Sometimes they omit the cockroach part of the treatment, and instead, irritate the eyes with cowage. It takes a long, long time for any person so treated to regain their sight, and it never is worth much afterwards.

The parts the adult beggars play are not so painful. The chief preparation they have to go through, is a series of hot oil baths, to render the joints pliable; all the rest is very easy. Their limbs are simply bound up, in such a way as to seem to be minus, or are bent out of shape, by being kept tied in the position they require. They also manage by some means to stow away their tongues, and so cleverly is this done that any person unacquainted with their ways, would fail to discover that they had such an organ at all; but they have and can use it too; sometimes not very pleasantly.

The descendent of Abraham also lends suitable attire—"for a consideration." He also lends babies, on the same terms. Nearly everybody has met with the "distressed mother" type of beggar. She is generally burdened with twins, and tells a pitiable tale 'how her 'usband was kilt by the cars an' left hur wiv these here two poor lambs." Her husband is very likely in another part of the city telling some other lie, and the twins are hired by the day from "Father Abraham"—for a consideration. The twins never grow older. This may seem strange, but it is easily explained. As soon as they get too heavy to carry they are given up for a fresh pair, which the obliging Abraham has ready for hire.

Far be it from me to say that there are no really distressed people begging for their living. No doubt there are; but I say and I know that at least seventy-five per cent are humbugs—and worse than humbugs—thieves. Only a few days ago an old woman looking the very picture of woe, came to my house and asked to be allowed to get warm. As the day was rather chilly she was told to come in and sit by the fire, and after a time she departed—and a tablecloth with her.

These wretched impostors literally prey upon the charitable feelings of the public, and when their benefactor's back is turned, rob him. People should be very careful to whom they bestow charity, as success in begging encourages these vampires and makes them flourish like the weeds that they are.

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Sending Around the World for her Son.

From the New York Sun, June 11.

The following advertisement was printed yesterday:—

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The rewards in last competition were very widely scattered over Ontario and Quebec. In fact, every Province was represented in the last, not excepting British Columbia. A great many also went to the States.

No information will be given to any one beyond what has above been stated. So don't waste time by waiting, but send in your answers and money *now*. If you happen to be too late for the first you may be fortunate enough to obtain a middle reward, and that is where the biggest ones are. TRUTH directs special attention to the fact that clergymen are not permitted to compete, neither are persons who in previous competitions won prizes exceeding one hundred dollars in value. This we think exceedingly fair, and as no Torontonians are allowed to compete the field is now open for a fair and square race for those rewards to any one, as TRUTH says, on the habitable globe, outside Toronto. No money will be received by telegraph, or in any way, but through the post office or by express. Two dollars only required. Try your skill. You are sure of good value for your money anyway. Address S. Frank Wilson, TRUTH Office, 33 and 35 Adelaide street, Toronto, Canada.

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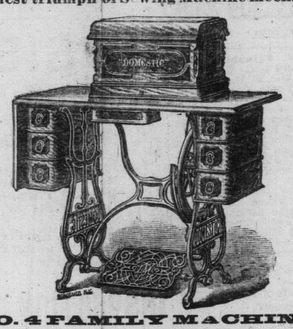

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