

LOST RELATIVE SWINDLE.

Clever Ruse to Entrap the Unwary—
Poor Widow Duped.

A particularly despicable kind of fraud has been invented by ingenious swindlers in connection with the inquiries for missing relatives published in newspapers of to-day. Many people have probably noticed that at the head of the "Missing Relative" column a notice is generally printed to the effect that those making inquiries are advised not to forward pecuniary assistance to persons who may reply to the same, until it has been definitely ascertained that the applicants are the persons actually sought for.

The necessity for this warning is amply illustrated by a case which came under the notice of the writer recently. A poor widow, living in the North of England, asked a well-known London newspaper to publish a description of her son, who had been missing for over 15 years. This was done, and, to the woman's great delight, she received a letter written from the East End of London a few days after the publication of the notice, in which the writer stated that he was well acquainted with the person about whom she inquired.

"Kind Stranger." The letter went on to say, however, that the son was in very poor circumstances. In fact, he was practically destitute, owing to misfortune and ill-health. His failure had made him ashamed to seek home, although he (the writer of the letter) knew that the son would be only too glad to return to his mother if he had the means to do so.

Then followed the suggestion that the widow should send the cost of railway fare and a few shillings for general expenses to her son, care of the writer, who would see that the money was received.

All unsuspecting the widow managed to get £35, and, as this she sent to the "kind stranger" who, of course, had never seen her son, and of whom she had heard nothing more. It was only after she had communicated with the police that she learned, through them, how she and others had been swindled by this trick.

"Homing" Turtles. From earthquakes to turtle-fishing is a far cry, but Sir Alexander Swettenham, in the course of his comprehensive duties, has to take cognizance of both.

As Governor of Jamaica, The Manchester Courier points out, he has official authority over the Cayman Islands, where the quest for turtles engages no fewer than 35 schooners and sloops, two-thirds of the number fishing round the Cays, of the Nicaraguan coast. The great trade, of which the turtles were caught in 1906, are shipped to Great Britain and America.

Sir Alexander Swettenham mentions that these chelonians display an extraordinary sense of locality, or "homing" instinct. It is reported that turtles have escaped from Grand Cayman and within three months have been recaptured at the fishing ground, a distance of 300 miles.

Their identity has been established beyond question by their owners' initials cut upon their shells.

Keeping Naval Secrets. The decision of the naval authorities to keep secret the particulars of the new cruiser just launched on the Clyde is a wise proceeding, and the surprise is that they should not have taken such a step years ago, says the Court Journal.

All the British Isles know about the ship is that she is the world's largest cruiser, but it is just possible the vessel is not a mystery to our continental friends, for they are lavishly with secrets. The mystery, which is a stringent act which was passed to prevent official secrets leaking out, but it has failed in its object to an extent, inasmuch as it has not put an end to the nefarious career of the professional traitor, but simply made the method of earning a living more dangerous.

Up to eighteen years ago, until the passing of the Official Secrets Act, the sale of valuable secrets, both naval and military, went on almost with impunity.

Relics of Old Newgate.

It is perhaps a little curious that nothing of old Newgate survives in London's magnificent new sessions house beyond two insignificant relics—a portion of the old galleys' beam, showing the groove worn by the executioner's ropes, and part of the door of the prison yard. Other more interesting relics of this historic prison have been widely scattered. Not long ago the door of the condemned cell was sold by auction for £13 (an enormous figure), and the fittings of the cell, together with the old wall, were bought for £100 for Miss Tussaud's exhibition, the bell, which was cast in 1775, bearing the inscription, "Ye people all who hear me ring, be faithful to your God and king." The steps by which so many doomed men have descended the scaffold found a purchaser for £1 12s.—*Reynold's Newspaper.*

London's Mud.

It has been calculated that the cost of a muddy day in London is something like \$25,000. This is not surprising when one remembers that no fewer than thirty-two tons of mud are carried about from place to place on the wheels of carts and carriages and horse hoofs. After a wet day, the dry mud brushed from people's clothing amounts to fifteen tons, and a very similar amount is shaken out of the door-mats.

Five Emeralds.

Cortes obtained in Mexico five emeralds of wonderful size and beauty. One was like a rose, another in the shape of a horn, a third in that of a fish, with diamond eyes; a fourth like a bell, with a pearl for a clapper; the fifth was a cup, with a foot of gold and with four little chains, each ended with a large pearl. He had also two emerald vases, worth \$300,000 crowns each.

BRIDGE INQUEST OPEN

Chief Engineer Reports Faults
in Steel Work at Quebec.

Government Commission Sits To-day—
Telegram Story Was a Canard—
Bridge Company to Dissolve—
Engineers Inspect Ruins—Condolence
From Lord Elgin—Damage Suit
Entered for \$25,000.

Quebec, Sept. 4.—The coroner inquest has not so far thrown any new light on the cause of the bridge collapse. The investigation by the Government commission of experts commences to-day. Many railway and bridge engineers are here to inspect the ruins.

Mr. Deans, chief engineer of the Phoenix Bridge Co., told the jury yesterday that the company's engineers were doing their utmost to ascertain the cause of the disaster, and he thought they would be able in a few days to satisfy legitimate anxiety on the subject. He had never heard of any apprehensions of the safety of the structure, and if he had to erect another bridge would not hesitate to build on the same plans.

The International Bridge Workers' Union is represented by counsel. Hon. S. N. Parent, in the course of his examination, said he had wired Theodore Cooper concerning his alleged interview in New York, and Mr. Cooper had replied that he had been misrepresented and had never either sent a message to cease operations on the bridge or had stated that he had done so.

It is understood that the Bridge Co. will be shortly dissolved and the work taken over by the Federal Government. The Government can take over the shares at any time by paying a 10 per cent. advance on their cost.

A Possible Cause. In the engineer's report, submitted to the annual meeting yesterday, Mr. Hoare stated that on Aug. 27, the resident inspecting engineer reported that the ribs in one of the lower chords of the west truss of the anchor arm showed an inward side deflection. The matter was reported the same day to the consulting engineer, and Phoenix Bridge Co., and Mr. Clure left the next day for New York and Phoenixville to discuss the question. Soon after these interviews the structure very suddenly collapsed, but it is at present undetermined whether the cause in question was the cause of the accident.

Mr. Hoare's report created a mild sensation, and it is believed that the cause of the disaster will now shortly be fixed.

First Damage Suit. The first of the damage suits to follow the Quebec bridge disaster was launched yesterday morning, when Zephirene La France issued a writ for \$25,000 for the death of her son. The damage claims on a similar basis would amount to \$1,025,000.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—Lord Elgin, Colonial Secretary, cables to Lord Grey as follows: Please convey to your Ministers the deep regret with which His Majesty's Government have heard of the Quebec bridge disaster, and express my personal sympathy with those who have suffered and with the Canadian people.

(Signed) Elgin.

Eloped With Heiress. Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—Joseph B. Lawrence of London, Ont., a farm hand, was in court yesterday morning, on a charge of abducting Francis Otter of Otterville, Man.

He eloped with the girl, who is only 17 years of age and an heiress. They had reached North Bay, when captured, which caused the boat to heel and it took after them.

He is still in the east, and has not yet been located.

Lipton In a Squall. London, Sept. 4.—Sir Thomas Lipton and a party of guests have arrived at Southampton on the steam yacht Erin.

Sir Thomas and his guests had a lively experience off Southsea. They boarded the schooner yacht Ceylon and were at luncheon when a storm arose, which caused the boat to heel dangerously. Dishes, chairs, etc., were thrown about and smashed.

Venezuela Will Pay.

Brussels, Sept. 4.—It is declared here that the Venezuelan Government has informed the Government of Belgium that it intends to begin at once the payment, in monthly instalments, of its debts to those powers which treated Venezuela with consideration when the powers united in their demand that she meet her obligations.

Not So Definite. Ottawa, Sept. 4.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux stated last night that the reduction of drop-letter postage in cities to one cent was being contented by the Department. Nothing definite has been decided, and the question at any rate will have to come before the Governor-General-in-Council.

Five Killed in Wreck. Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 4.—A revised list shows that five persons were killed and eleven injured when a Chesapeake & Ohio local train was derailed a mile below Kanawha Falls Monday night.

Spreading of the rails is supposed to have caused the accident.

Chinese Smuggling Plot. Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The officials of the Customs Department expect, as a result of the capture of 13 Chinamen, landed illegally in the County of Brudenell, a systematic organization for smuggling Celestians into Canada from Newfoundland.

Russell Registrar Dead. Ottawa, Sept. 4.—Alexander Robillard, registrar of the County of Russell, is dead of paralysis, at the age of 75.

He sat for 15 years in the Ontario Legislature as Liberal member for Russell.

Stop That Cold

To check early colds or Grippe with "Preventics" means sure defeat for Pneumonia. To stop a cold with "Preventics" is safer than to let it run and be obliged to cure it afterwards. To be sure, "Preventics" will cure even a deeply seated cold, but taken early—at the sneezing stage—its effect is more certain. That's the surest way. That's why they are called "Preventics." "Preventics" are little Candy Cold Cures. No Quinine, no physic, nothing sickening. Nice for the children—and thoroughly safe too. If you feel chilly, if you sneeze, if you ache all over, think of "Preventics." Promptness may also save half your usual sickness. And don't forget your child, if there is feverishness, night-draws. Herein probably lies "Preventics" greatest efficiency. Sold in 2¢ boxes for the pocket, also in 25¢ boxes of 48 "Preventics." Insist on your druggists giving you

Preventics
"ALL DEALERS"

"Old Hundred" Scars Birds. It is a strange but well authenticated fact that the wild creatures of the woods dislike the sound of that solemn hymn "Old Hundred." Muir, the naturalist, proved the truth of this by singing it in the woods of the Sierras to the birds and squirrels, which were very tame from never having been frightened by the report of a gun or other alarming sound. They would come and sit near him upon the branches of trees and listen to his lively time he might sing, blinking their bright eyes as though they liked it, but at the first sound of "Old Hundred" they would beat a quick retreat to their holes or nests and never appear again until he changed the tune. This experiment was made in different places on various occasions with exactly the same result.

The Badge of Honesty

Is on every wrapper of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery because a full list of the ingredients composing it is printed there in plain English. Forty years of experience has proven its superior worth as a blood purifier and invigorating tonic for the cure of stomach disorders and all liver ills. It builds up the run-down system as no other tonic can in which alcohol is used. The active medicinal principles of native roots such as Golden Seal and Queen's root, Stone and Mandrake root, Bloodroot and Black Cherry bark are extracted and preserved by the use of chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce at Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet which quotes extracts from well-recognized medical authorities such as Drs. Bartholow, King, Scudder, Coe, Ellingwood and a host of others, showing that these roots can be depended upon for their curative action in all weak states of the stomach, accompanied by indigestion or dyspepsia as well as in all bilious or liver complaints and in all "wasting diseases" where there is loss of flesh and gradual running down of the strength and system.

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You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic medicine of known composition, not even though the name used may thereby make a little bigger profit. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.

When It Rains in India. While Jupiter Pluvius reigns in India nothing can be done out of doors. The rain at times is simply a white liquid sheet dropping straight down from the heavens, so that no very great stretch of imagination is required to convince one that a deluge is not an impossible event—Wide World Magazine.

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Aeronaut Falls Into Tree. Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Mrs. Myrtle Rydstick, 17 years old, aeronaut, narrowly escaped death in making a balloon ascension at Midway. When 300 feet in the air the balloon caught fire and the hot air escaping, it fell rapidly toward the earth.

Several hundred persons in the park expected to see the young woman dashed to death, but she luckily fell into the thick growth of trees. She escaped with a few scratches.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

The trouble about a good time is that most people do not agree on what it is.

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"FIGHTING MAC" ALIVE

TRAVELER DENIES THAT FAMOUS GENERAL IS DEAD.

Discredits Suicide Story—Declares Sir Hector Macdonald Is In China—Asserts He Saw Soldier Who Was Believed to Have Killed Himself in Paris—Is Now Organizing Powerful Chinese Army.

A singular story that has both astonished and amused England and Scotland was published in The Manchester Sunday Chronicle last week. It relates to the late renowned soldier, Major-Gen. Sir Hector Macdonald.

The general, it will be remembered, was reported to have committed suicide in an obscure Paris hotel, March 25, 1903, while en route from Ceylon, where he had been in command. He fought with distinction in Afghanistan in the Boer War of 1881 and also in the recent Boer War, in which he commanded the Highland Brigade, and he also figured conspicuously in the fighting against Arabi Pasha in Egypt and the Mahdi in the Sudan.

Claims He Still Lives. The publication in the Manchester paper is to the effect that "Fighting Mac," as Sir Hector was known in military and Scottish circles, is still very much alive, and is now organizing a powerful army for China.

The most circumstantial story bearing on Sir Hector's alleged survival emanates from Johannesburg from a man who recently arrived there from the Far East. He asserts that he saw "Fighting Mac" at Nanking, China, last year, putting his astonishing declaration in the following form: "I know Hector's Macdonald very well, both in Egypt and South Africa. I was in Nanking in December last. I saw a battalion of Chinese soldiers being drilled in European style on a space in the centre of the city, and feeling curious, I walked over to where three officers were standing. One of them was Sir Hector Macdonald. He was clean-shaven, but otherwise he had altered very little since the occasion of my last meeting him in Pretoria.

"I was almost breathless with astonishment. I was about to speak to him when his eyes met mine. He turned rapidly round to one of the other officers and said something quickly in Chinese.

Ordered to Leave at Once. "The officer, almost springing at me, shouted: 'Leave this ground at once! I will put you where your friends won't find you in a hurry.' I left Nanking that day for Shanghai, and I found that the fact that Sir Hector Macdonald was in that country was believed by a great many English people.

Strengthening the story, it is pointed out that no inquest was held on the body alleged to be that of Sir Hector Macdonald; but in official and other quarters 'little' attention has been paid to the matter. The paper's Johannesburg informant, officials believe, was mistaken in his man.

GUARDIAN AS A TRAMP. Passes Night in Casual Ward of Workhouse As a Test.

A. H. Lee, the member of the Swanton, Eng., board of guardians, who had passed the night in the local casual ward, has related his experiences. Mr. Lee is secretary of the local branch of the Social Democratic Federation, and said that his action was the outcome of a consultation between his comrades, who had heard that the food, bedding and bathing in the casual ward were not all that they should be.

In order to test the conditions for himself he posed as a bona-fide working shoemaker, walking from town to town in search of employment. He had no complaint to make as to the manner of his reception and said the food which was given to him was wholesome and served in a cleanly manner, but he did not think it sufficient for a healthy man.

Mr. Lee was not so eulogistic concerning the cell arrangements. The bedding and heating, he remarked, left a good deal to be desired. He received only two blankets—one to lie on and one as a covering. The cell was by no means adequately warmed, and if heating arrangements were no better on a bitterly cold night the treatment would be most cruel.

Mr. Lee also thought that the bathing arrangements were open to improvement. It was not right, he said, that three men (as was the case with himself and two others) should have to bathe in one lot of water. He had intended to stay at the house during Sunday, and to have performed the usual task on Monday morning, but owing to the crowded state of the tramp wards he was discharged.

Quick Coffee. A way to make quick coffee always possible is to have it on hand ready for heating. It takes six hours to make it in this way in the first place, but it remains fresh and full of flavor all the time. Use the usual recipe for drip coffee, one tablespoonful of fine coffee for each cup of water. Put all the coffee in at once and measure the water, which must be cold. Pour the water on half a cupful at a time and let it percolate through. When ready bottle and cork tightly. Heat, but do not boil, as it is needed.—New York Post.

Relics of Crime. Two interesting additions have just been made to the trophies gathered by the London police in the grim "Black Museum" at Scotland Yard.

The latest exhibit, which arrived recently, is the small morocco jewel case, containing two lumps of coal, which led to the recent conviction of Lord William Nevill on the charge of defrauding a pawnbroker.

On a bench, facing the door, among an array of murderers' weapons, is the other addition—the revolver with which Horace George Rayner murdered William Whitely.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

NO INCENTIVE.

How could Horatius keep the bridge. Defying miles of foe-men, And make the people hale him as The very bravest Roman. Obliging those who sang his praise To press the loudest pedal When the reward did not include A bright Carnegie medal?

You wonder how the brave and rash Sir hundred ever did it— Tore off that charge when all the rules Of prudence would forbid it. What was the sense of going up The hill to that disaster Without a medal at the end From our great ironmaster?

When Washington picked up an oar And opened navigation Upon the Delaware that day Ere yet we were a nation, Though congress said, "Dear George, you are 'The kid that's all the candy,' He had to plug along without A medal made by Andy.

Our modern heroes do not have To go on unrequited. When they perform a daring deed, No longer are they slighted. Carnegie reads about the case And doesn't mark them zero. Oh, no, he writes, "This certifies You are a full fledged hero!"

So He Could Use It.

"What is he going to call his story?" "The Tale of a Rooster."

"That is a bright idea. Then if it doesn't go his wife can use it to trim her hat."

No Chance to Know. "Silas was telling me today that he thinks them high financiers are going to bring on the worst panic this country ever saw."

"What does he know about it? Did he ever run a lively stable?"

"No." "Or work in one?" "No."

"Ever own a barber shop?" "Guess not."

"Probably he has been to the legislature or something like that. These know it all fellows make me weary."

Blossom Time. The panicles of elder spread. Their starlike blossoms to the sun. The clover lifts a blushing head And brows its petals one by one. The black haw bush with bloom is white. The mullein spreads a velvet leaf. "Dawn where the river's ripples bright Are singing low that summer's brief."

A sweet perfume is in the air. The air is vocal, too, with song From feathered singers everywhere. The liquid luring runs along: The burden of the song is sweet. And sweet the earth, the air above, And brief our season is, petite, Too brief for summer, life and love.

Changed His Mind. "When he was small, he vowed he would lick the teacher if he ever got big enough."

"Not much. Just a few years later she had to get out an injunction to keep him from marrying her."

Might Help Him Along. "He called me a liar."

"Sue him for damages."

"But I am a corporation claim agent, and the jury might decide that I was benefited rather than injured."

For Mature Testing. "Pa, do you cut your eyeteeth on silver spoons or ivory rings, or what?"

"You cut them on gold bricks, my son."

Depends on the Kind. "He sings like a bird."

"Ah, does he?"

"Yes, like a rooster."

PERT PARAGRAPHS. A little learning is a dangerous thing, and less is more so.

Some people are so imaginative that a mere supposition rapidly grows until it becomes a deposition.

Liars earn their living by the sweat of their imagination.

No really true man enjoys a practical joke—upon himself.

It is a matter of temperament if you are rich and of temper if you aren't.

When a man's mind wanders it is up to the man to arise and wander with it if he doesn't want bughouse terminals.

A rash man who has a firm wife is sure to get what's coming to him.

Most of the flying machine men are careful to keep their feet on the earth.

Undoubtedly the first fall was into logs.

Colds on the Chest

Ask your doctor the medical name for a cold on the chest. He will say, "Bronchitis." Ask him if it is ever serious. Lastly, ask him if he prescribes Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for this disease. Keep in close touch with your family physician, and follow his advice carefully. We have no secrets to publish. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., the formulators of all our preparations.

HOW TO ASSURE OLD AGE.

English Official Shows How to Become a Centenarian.

The remark of Wynn Westcott, at an inquest at Bethnal Green, that the best way to prolong life is to retire to a workhouse, is indorsed by poor law administrators.

"We have scores of inmates over 80 years old, and quite a number just about 90 or a little over," an official of one of the largest London workhouses said recently.

We have had centenarians, although we have not one at present, but I have no doubt that two or three out of our scores of octogenarians will easily live into the 100 years. Most of the workhouse centenarians are women, and it is undoubtedly a fact that the proportion of centenarians in workhouses is larger than that outside.

"The conditions are ideal. There is regular and good food, regular hours, genial company, medical and nursing attendance, warmth, fresh air and contentment. The way that old people pick up on coming into the workhouse is quite remarkable.

"Old soldiers of 50 or 60 come in almost at the point of collapse. They are often broken down owing to want of food and excess of alcoholic liquor. But after a few months of workhouse life they generally recover, and some of them live on for twenty years or more.

"The latest returns for the metropolis show that there were last year nearly 50,000 men and women over 60 years of age in the London workhouses. Of these, 12,016 were between 65 and 70 years of age; 12,311 were between 70 and 75 years of age; 8,309 were between 75 and 80 years of age, and 4,168 were over 80 years of age.

"The returns omit the most picturesque figures—those of inmates between 90 and 100 or over 100, but I believe that there are several centenarian workhouse inmates in London."

Intense Heat in India. Intense heat prevails throughout Upper India, and there is a condition of famine. Everywhere the monsoon is being eagerly awaited.

British soldiers in Allahabad and Cawnpore are suffering from apoplexy. Several are reported to have succumbed. Cattle are also dying for want of fodder.

Famine prices prevail in many districts, and people have been driven to the extremity of selling their jewelry in order to buy grain.

A swarm of locusts passed over Lucknow recently, and the native inhabitants killed as many as they could and ate them.

On the continuation of the drought 500 Mussulmans at Allahabad spent the day in prayer and fasting.

They were beginning to despair when heavy rain fell, and they had to wade through water knee deep before they could reach their homes.

A Case of Changed Personality. There was the incident told of Edwin Forrest, playing an engagement in Boston as Richard III., and who became so imbued with the spirit of the departed king that in the duel he drove his opponent across the stage, out through the stage door and down the alley to the main street before he could be dissociated from the personality he had assumed. I should imagine that many have had similar experiences in a greater or less degree, and I know that I frequently discover myself in the position of conqueror myself.

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