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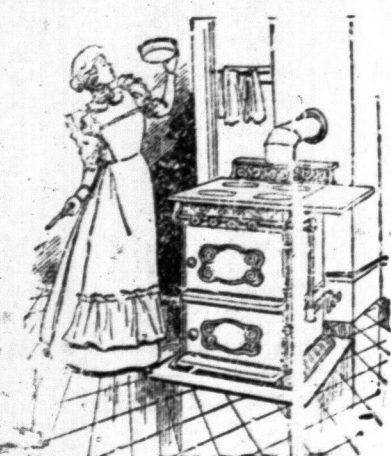
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SMUGGLING DEVICES.

Custom Officers Baffled by Ingenious Inventions

Few evidences of human ingenuity are more interesting than the devices invented almost every day to baffle the detective skill of officers of customs. The smuggler is nowhere more wide awake than in the United States, where he is at least a match for his enemies of the customs, and there are few days when he does not succeed in cheating them out of a few thousand dollars.

His chief object is to evade the duty imposed on imported diamonds, and he has many ways of doing this successfully. By several ingenious devices he can disguise the value of the diamonds he imports, so that stones which are worth \$100 or \$150 a carat lose at least half their value and are assessed for duty at the lower rate. Thus, instead of paying \$5,000 duty on a parcel of diamonds he escapes with a payment of \$2,500.

The smuggler's principal device is to mount his diamonds in rings and brooches, but before mounting them he gives each stone a thin coating on the back of brown or yellow varnish, thus giving the purveyor a stone of a yellowish tinge, and reducing their apparent value by 50 to 75 per cent. Another successful plan is to subject the stones to heat until the brilliant surface is clouded and takes on a dull, grayish appearance.

The valuable stones, thus deprived of their lustre, are mixed with a number of diamonds of the poorest quality and the entire parcel is passed as "rub-bish," at a value of \$10,000 or \$15,000 less than their actual worth. A little polishing soon restores the burned stones to their original lustre with a loss of weight which bears no proportion to the amount of money saved in duty.

The Paris smuggler is little, if at all, behind his American rival in ingenuity, and his devices, on the evidence of M. Camille Simon, are worthy of the most crafty Chittanian. A short time ago a brougham, with an imposing coachman in livery, and conveying what appeared to be an invalid gentleman, was stopped at the Porto Dauphine. The brougham had passed at the same hour every day for months until at last suspicion was aroused. On investigation the customs officers found that the invalid gentleman was a dummy, and that the brougham was full of ingenious receptacles for the smuggling of alcohol.

Not long before the authorities received secret information that on a certain day a wedding party would enter Paris by one of the gates, and that it might be worth while to subject it to scrutiny. On the day and at the hour indicated a long file of landaus was seen approaching the gate. The first carriage contained the blushing bride and bridegroom, and the other carriages were crowded with wedding guests in uproarious spirits becoming to the occasion.

The procession was stopped at the gate, in spite of the indignant protests of the guests and the tears of the bride, and a thorough search resulted in the discovery that the landaus were even more full of spirits than the wedding guests themselves. In the hollow shafts, seats and even in the harness were concealed 250 liters of pure alcohol. Landaus and guests continued their journey with sadly diminished spirits.

The Smugglers' Museum at the Hotel de Ville, Paris, is full of the most extraordinary devices for defrauding the revenue. Nothing is sacred to the smuggler, as is proved by a collection of mortuary wreaths, each of which is a cunningly devised receptacle for spirits. False busts, hips, legs and abdomens have all held contraband goods; there is a mason's not hollowed out for their concealment, hollow axes, wheels, shafts, advocates' cases, books—in fact, almost every device that practiced ingenuity can suggest.

The most serious attempt to cheat the customs, according to M. Simon, was made by two men disguised as countrymen. One evening three men were seen approaching the Menilmontant barrier, uproariously drunk. The middle man, who was unable to walk, was supported by his two companions, scarcely less drunk than himself.

The customs officers, amused at the spectacle, began to chaff the drunken men, and one of them playfully gave the middle man a dig in the ribs, which, to the officers' amazement, caused the man to collapse and his companions to bolt in alarm. The cause of their flight was quickly apparent, for the drunken man was of India rubber, and his intoxication was sufficiently explained by the fact that he was full to the crown of his head at the close of the battle I could not tell exactly how many pieces had been but temporarily out of action."

Naval.

Once upon a time an exceedingly bad boy ran away to sea.

But his rise was not as rapid as he had a right to expect, under the circumstances.

When he had been six years in the navy without becoming an admiral his suspicions were aroused.

"Possibly my father had no objections to my going to sea after all," he thought that thrust itself upon him.

Accordingly he wrote home. No the old man replied that he had had no objections, all right.

Then it's the bureaucrats keeping me down!" blazed our hero, livid with rage.

THE MARKETS

CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET.

J. B. Stringer & Co. give the following grain gossip:

Wheat.—No receipts. Chicago closed a little stronger for July both in wheat and corn. There is not much change in value and farmers won't sell at the present prices.

Oats.—There is a good demand for home trade, but no export demand. Stocks are getting down in this section of the country.

Corn.—Nearly all is out of the farmers' hands and there has been a good demand right along for feed purposes. The American market is a little lower. Our prices have dropped a cent a bushel.

Beans.—Arthur J. Thompson & Co., of Chicago, write J. B. Stringer & Co. as follows: "We are having some enquiry for beans and market has shown quite a decided advance. Sales have been made here at \$2.15 for choice handpicked stock. We would very much appreciate any offerings you may give us. From your last report you will have beans yet to offer, and we hope to handle the bulk of them for you. Please wire us promptly such offerings as you may have from time, which will be much appreciated."

Wheat, 65c.
Mixed oats, 29 to 30c.
White oats, 30 to 31c.
Corn, shelled, 39c.
Beans, (imported) 80 to 90c.
Basis, \$1.30 to \$1.40.
Buckwheat, (seed) 65 to 75c.
Barley, (seed), 80 to 85c per cwt.
Alfalfa, \$5 to \$6.50.
Red clover, \$5.25 to \$6.
Timothy, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

HAY AND HOGS.
Hay, timothy, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50.
Hay, clover, \$5.50 to \$7.
Hay, haled, \$5.50 to \$7.
Live hogs, \$5.50 to \$6 for hogs weighing from 160 lbs. up.

LOCAL WOOL AND HIDES.
Wool, washed, 10c. clean, 18c. trade.
Wool, unwashed, 10c. trade, 11c. cash.
Tail skins, 71-8c.
Sheep skins, 30c to \$1.
Spring lamb skins, 12c to 20c.
Kielts, 20 to 30c.
Cow hides, No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c.
Horse hides, \$1 to \$2.
Box skins, \$1 to \$1.50.
Goat skins, 25 to 75c.
Musk rats (spring) 10 to 12c.

HOUSEKEEPERS' PRICES.

The market was light on Wednesday. A few loads of vegetables were offered, but sales were slow. The small quantity of eggs offered at 10c a dozen, and butter at from 18 to 20c a pound.

Butter, 18 to 20c.
Eggs, 10c.
Egg buyers pay 9c.
Potatoes, 65c. per bag.
Apples, 20c to 50c. a peck.
Celery 10c a bunch.
Cabbages, 5c to 12c. each.
Potatoes, 7c to 10c. per bag.
Onions, yellow, 20c., white, 30c.
Parasips, 10 to 15c. a peck.
Carrots, 10c. a peck.
Rhubarb, 10c. a bunch.
Turnips, 10c. a peck.
Green onions, 2 bunches for 5c.
Radishes, 2 bunches for 5c.
Lettuce 20c. a pound.
Chickens, 25 to 35 cents.
Maple syrup, \$1 to \$1.15 per gal.
Turkey, 25 to 30c.
Turkeys, 75 to \$1.25.
Lamb, 6 to 7c.
Mutton, 5 to 6c.
Pork, 7c to 8c.
Beef, 5c to 6c.

FISH MARKET.
Manitoba white fish, 10c. a lb.
Salmon trout, 10c. a lb.
Haddock, 15c. a lb.
Mullet and carp, 10 to 40c. apiece.

TORONTO BEAN MARKET.

Toronto, April 18.—Beans—Choice hand-picked beans sold at \$1.60 to \$1.75, delivered here, and resell at \$1.75 to \$1.85.

TORONTO PRODUCE.

Toronto, April 18.—Eggs—Receipts only fair, and the market is about steady. Local demand good. Jobbing lots, new laid, 11c.

Butter—Market firmer. Deliveries of choice butter rather light. Local demand good. Local quotations: Ontario, 20c to 25c; poor to medium, none in; large rolls, 15 to 16c; pound prints, 16 to 17c; creamery, tubs and boxes 20c.; pounds, 21 to 22c.

Poultry—About steady. Chickens job at 40 to 70c; geese at 7 to 8c; ducks at 60 to 75c. per pair, and turkeys at 13 to 15c. per lb.

Potatoes—Free deliveries and a slow local demand keep prices down. Car lots are sold on truck here at 35c. to 40c. per bag, and at farmers' wagons about 50c per bag. Out of store, choice stock brings 45 to 50c. per bag.

Dried apples—Quiet market. Dealers pay 51-2 for dried stock, delivered at \$4.50 to \$5. On track, small lots, evaporated 7 to 7 1-2c, in small lots.

Honey—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c per lb. for 5, 10, or 50-lb. tins, and in comb at around \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Choice stock in demand. No. 1 timothy will bring \$3.75 to \$4; No. 2 sells at \$3 to \$3.25.

Straw—Nominal. Car lots are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5. On track.

Hops—Quiet. Dealers here quote choice Canada '99c at 13 to 15c.

TORONTO GRAIN.

Toronto, April 18.—Wheat—Local trade continues dull. Prices are about the same, though the tone is easy, owing to the weakness in outside markets. Quotations are as follows: Ontario, red and white, 65 to 65 1-2c; east; good wheat, 70 to 70 1-2c., low freight, to New York; spring, east, 66 1-2c. to 67c; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, 80c., North Bay, and 81c. g. i. r.

Flour—Steady to firm. Outside millers offer straight roller in buyers' bags, middle freights, at \$2.60 per bbl., and export agents bid \$2.50. Special brands, in wood, for local account, sell at around \$3 to \$3.10.

3-Milled—Steady. Bran is quoted at \$16.50 to \$17; shorts, \$17 to \$18, at the mill door, through Western Ontario.

Corn—Steady. No. 2, American yellow quoted at 47c. Track, Toronto, and

HALF SICK WOMEN

What multitudes of women are to-day miserable! They are half sick, they keep on working, you hear them say "I will be better to-morrow". How foolish! They will be worse to-morrow! Women, do not take such chances when you are rundown, you need a remedy; and when you take a remedy, you need the very best; you do not want a cure all, you do not want old-fashioned remedies. Take the best, take the one that cures, the one that has made its reputation by curing women. Dr. Coderre's Red Pills are for women alone. Thousands upon thousands of women have testified to their great merit. They can cure you quickly, permanently and cheaply. Fifty Red Pills for 50c. last longer than any \$1.00 old-fashioned liquid medicine; but, you should not consider the price, you should think of their efficacy. It is the efficacy of Dr. Coderre's Red Pills that has made them famous the world over.

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Mrs. J. J. Dunsbury, 348 Coddle Street, Providence, R. I., writes:

"Dr. Coderre's Red Pills have cured me of different female troubles that I have had. I believe them to be the best remedy on earth, for, as soon as I began to take them I felt better. I kept on taking them and to-day I am cured and feel like a new woman."

Mrs. Jennie Anthony, Beaubien Street, Detroit, Mich., writes:

"I have suffered with stomach aches, nervous headaches and dizziness. I was all rundown and felt miserable until I began taking Dr. Coderre's Red Pills which were recommended to me by a friend. Now I would not be without them in my household. They have done me all the good in the world."

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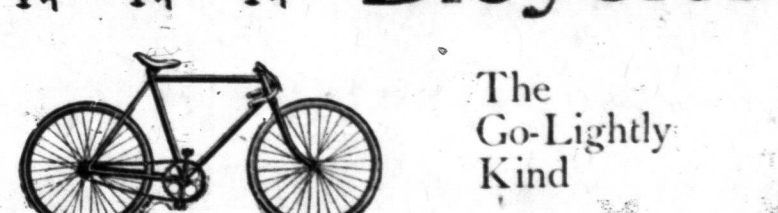
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