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### Some of the World's Famous Impostors.

Never since the beginning of history  
has the world been free from the pre-  
sence of its mountebanks, its charlat-  
ans, its swindlers and its im-  
postors. The latest of these was Louis  
Lem Laforge, the self-styled King of  
a mythical Transcandinavia Vitanvalia.

But it is not given to many im-  
postors to have their names handed  
down through posterity and for the  
word derived from it to find a place in  
the language of at least two of the  
leading nations of the world. Such,  
however, was the distinction achieved  
by Frederic-Antoine Mesmer, father of  
the "science" of mesmerism.

It was during the career at the  
University of Vienna that Mesmer  
made his first investigation into the  
subject of "animal magnetism," the  
theory with which he was later to  
astonish the world. At the beginning  
of his career he was undoubtedly in  
earnest, believing firmly in the efficacy  
of his methods and feeling certain that  
he was benefitting mankind with his  
discoveries. But it was not long be-  
fore he came to the parting of the  
ways between the practice of medicine  
and that of charlatanism. He inven-  
ted a "magic tub" or species of covered  
bath, around which his patients were  
arranged in tiers. To the tub was at-  
tached a number of tubes, touching  
the bodies of the patients and Mesmer  
dressed in a fantastic costume, sym-  
bolic of extreme mystery, walked  
about among his clients, touching them  
with his "magic wand." He also held  
private seances, giving many exhibi-  
tions of his unusual power of hyp-  
notism.

When the commission of the faculty  
of medicine commenced to investigate  
Mesmer's practices, the "scientist" re-  
fused to appear before the board, and  
his reply was a demand that he be pen-  
sioned by the State on account of his  
great services to humanity. This being  
refused, Mesmer turned his back on  
Paris and moved his headquarters to  
Soa, where he arranged for the sale  
of his powers at figures that brought  
him in an income of one million francs  
a year. Satisfied with this, he return-  
ed to his native country of Soa, where  
he lived until his death at 81 years old.

#### The Wandering Jew.

On January 1, 1644, Michob Ader,  
calling himself the "Wandering Jew,"  
appeared at Paris and created an ex-  
traordinary sensation among persons  
of all ranks.

Ader said he had lived sixteen hun-  
dred years, having been originally an  
usher at the court of judgment in  
Jerusalem, where all criminal cases  
were tried, and that, because he had  
thrust Jesus, out of the hall, saying,  
"Go! why tarriest thou? the Messia-  
himself, answered, "I go, but tarry thou  
until I come," thereby sentencing him to  
live until the day of judgment. He pre-  
tended to have been in Rome when it  
was buried by Nero; to have witnessed  
the return of Saladin after his suc-  
cessful conquest; to have been in Con-  
stantinople when Salimen built the  
royal mosque; to have known Tamer-  
lane, the Scythian, and Scander Beg,  
prince of Epirus; to have seen Bajazet  
carried in a cage by order of Tamer-  
lane; to remember the caliphs of  
Babylon and of Egypt, the emperors  
of the Saracens and the Crusades. How-  
ever, he admitted that he had not wit-  
nessed the sacking of Jerusalem, de-  
claring that he was then in Rome at  
the court of Vespasian.

The pretensions of the Wandering  
Jew were supported by many persons  
who claimed to have seen him in var-  
ious places throughout the world.  
Moreover, contemporary history bears  
out his contention by stating that he  
was tested by a number of learned  
men of the city and that "it was not  
possible to address him in any lan-  
guage with which he was unfamiliar."  
After obtaining a vast amount of  
notoriety Ader finally disappeared, ap-  
parently without having made any at-  
tempt to capitalize his strange experi-  
ences and almost universal learning.

#### "The Most Perfect Scoundrel"

Of Joseph Balsamo, the self-styled  
"Count Cagliostro," Thomas Carlyle  
wrote "He is the quack of quacks, the  
most perfect scoundrel that in these  
latter ages has marked the history of  
the world."

This notorious impostor was the son  
of Pietro Balsamo, a poor shopkeeper  
of Palermo, who commenced his un-  
usual career by selling prints which  
had been touched up with ink as origi-  
nal sketches. After marrying Lorena  
Feliciana, the daughter of a girl-  
maker, the pair made their appearance  
at a number of European capitals un-  
der a number of spurious titles, finally  
adopting those of the Count Alessandro  
and Countess Seraphina Cagliostro.

Shortly after his arrival in London  
the "count" permitted it to become  
known that he owned certain manu-  
scripts explaining the original system  
of Egyptian Free Masonry as institu-  
ted by Enoch and Elijah adding that  
it was his mission to restore the sacred  
brotherhood to its ancient glory. The  
success of the hoax appears to be al-  
most incalculable. The "count" and  
"countess" travelled over all of Eu-  
rope, posing as the grand Coptha and  
the grand priestesses of the revived faith  
and finally, when they settled in  
Strasbourg, they had collected suf-  
ficient funds to enable them to live in  
princely style. While at the  
height of their power they were in-  
duced to accompany Cardinal de  
Rohan to Paris and, with him, they be-  
came involved in a famous diamond  
necklace scandal. After nine months  
imprisonment in the Bastille, the pair  
were liberated and fled to England,  
but they were forced to leave the coun-  
try under suspicion and were unfor-  
tunate enough to select Rome as their  
next point of attack. Here the Holy  
Inquisition seized them, burned the  
manuscript relating to Masonry and  
ordered that the impostors be im-  
prisoned for life.

A Man Who Fooled the World.  
The civilized world was naturally  
astounded when, in September, 1835,  
the New York Sun appeared with an  
article telling how Sir John Herschel,  
the celebrated astronomer, had inven-  
ted a "very powerful telescope by  
which he was able to detect minute  
objects on the moon.

According to this article, which was  
filled with a wealth of scientific detail  
and bore all the earmarks of truth, the  
observers had discovered trees, rivers  
and fields of poppies on the moon, to-  
gether with amethyst mountains and  
green valleys in which roamed goats,  
which appeared like unicorns, birds  
similar to the pelican and all manner  
of other remarkable animal life, in-  
cluding an ape with the wings of a bat.  
Edgar Allan Poe reviewed the ar-  
ticle in the light of science, but, de-  
spite the many absurdities which he  
pointed out, not one person in ten re-  
fused to believe it. In fact, as Poe  
stated, "a professor of mathematics at  
the University of Virginia told me  
that he had no doubt of the truth of  
the whole affair."

The New York Times editorially  
stated that the report "displayed the  
most extensive and intimate knowl-  
edge of astronomy," while other  
prominent papers of the day hailed the  
discovery of the Herschel telescope  
as presaging a new era in scientific in-  
vestigation. So widespread was the de-  
mand for copies of the paper contain-  
ing the article that it was reprinted in  
pamphlet form and more than sixty  
thousand copies were sold before it  
was discovered that the story was a  
clever hoax, perpetrated by a New  
York journalist, Richard Locke.

Locke had read the early chapters  
of Poe's "Hans Pfaal's Journey to the  
Moon" and prepared the article as a  
joke, but feared to acknowledge au-  
thorship when he saw how generally  
it was credited—both in the United  
States and Europe. It was not until  
Herschel signed a denial of the affair,  
some months after it appeared, that  
the story was finally discredited.

### Many Families Destitute

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pondent states that the fishery with a  
great number of people there has been  
a failure, and work being scarce, quite  
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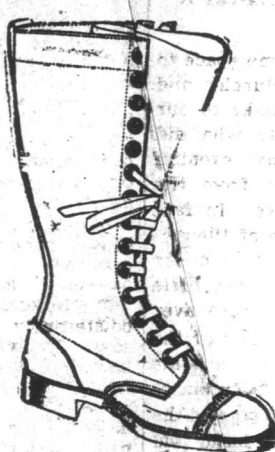
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