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SPANISH PRISONER BREAKS N AGAIN

Offers New York Man \$120,000 if He Will Help Him Recover \$360,000.

MR. SHEETS DECLINES

Letter From Barcelona Reveals Revival of Game 350 Years Old.

New York, Aug. 19.—A chance to make \$120,000 by investing a few dollars in an old established business is being offered to American investors. It is a business which has been handed down from generation to generation for a period of nearly 350 years, having been founded immediately after the destruction of the Armada. At times it has been highly profitable. But for nearly twenty years it has slumped. As the result of over much publicity the game has fallen into disuse. Now apparently some enthusiast is trying to revive it.

Oliver W. Sheets of 871 Brook avenue is the man who at present has option on the big opening in this ancient and conservative line. The opportunity which has come to Mr. Sheets is that of obtaining 33 1/3 per cent. of \$360,000—which works out at \$120,000—by rescuing a wealthy Spanish prisoner or marrying his heiress.

Here is The Letter.

The letter, which would undoubtedly be found in a court of law to constitute a contract, is as follows:

Dear Sir: Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of \$360,000. I am in America, being necessary to come here to raise the seizure of my luggage, paying to the Register of the Court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden two checks payable to bearer for that sum. As reward I will give up to you the third part, viz., 120,000 dollars.

I cannot receive a check, but I can give you a cablegram to a person in my confidence who will deliver it to me addressed as below.

Awaiting your answer to instruct you all my secret I only sign now C. First of all answer by cable, not by letter.

PAUL CASAS, Sista Corcos, 1750, Soleira (Spain)

Doring - Sheets

The man who takes advantage of the opportunity which Mr. Sheets has offered may have to hold himself in readiness for a trip to Spain, because Spanish prisoners are not freed now by small sums from America, as their predecessors used to be. Hardly any of them get loose from their chains unless the rescuer arrives on the spot.

The Prisoner Usually Dies.

One of the saddest features of the Spanish prisoner cases is that they usually die unless the rescuer is prompt. Generally a cable or a black-circled letter announces that the prisoner has perished and left a helpless daughter as per enclosed. This message is usually sent over, according to the signatures, by the confessor or by the family duenna, who have written because they happened to know how the late prisoner would clank his chains and pray that the sainted American would save him and his.

Romance is not dead. Spanish love and Spanish gold, chivalry at 10,000.

Magistrate Forgives Taxi Driver Who Tries to Collect Extra Fare

New York, Aug. 19.—"Take me to 444 West 153rd street, taxi." With that a white-haired man closed his umbrella and entered a "lowest rate" taxicab. After traveling a circuitous route the taxi-drew up in front of the desired destination. That's very nice of you, my friend," said the passenger as he alighted. "I presume that you are my friend, although I have never seen you before, because no one but a friend would take me all that distance for \$1.20." "One dollar and twenty cents? What do you mean? Don't you see \$4 on the meter?" was the somewhat startled reply.

"Yes, I know, but I never pay more than \$1.20 for that ride," came the retort. "Well, you'll come across this time, or I'll take you before Freddy House." "Freddy House? Who's he?" "He's the judge of the Traffic Court and he's a personal friend of mine."

"Do you mean to say that you know him well enough to call him by his first name?" "Sure I do, and you'd better come across."

In the meantime a policeman approached, nodded to the fare and inquired what had caused the argument. "Why, this guy won't pay me my fare," replied the driver. "Do you know who 'his guy' is?" asked the policeman. "No, and I don't give a continental," returned the driver. "Well," said the policeman, "this guy is Magistrate Frederick B. House of the Traffic Court."

When he regained composure the taxi driver was listening to Magistrate House directing the policeman to issue him a summons. "You'll never have a chance to overcharge another fare," said the Magistrate. But Magistrate House immediately experienced a change of heart, and he directed the policeman to cease writing.

"I'll take this man's name and address and think this thing over, officer," he said. An hour later Magistrate House was receiving a little wife and three children, who had called to thank him for allowing "daddy" to continue work by not revoking his license.

per cent. profit to make the heart throb while the pencil calculates. The chance of rescuing a \$360,000 estate with a therian maid among the chateaus and movables has caused many to make the trip to Spain. Not all of these rescues have had happy endings. The man of lustrous black eyes and chest of gold sometimes ends with the knight errant getting a knock on the head and finding himself in a Spanish hospital or getting knockout drops and awakening to discover himself to be nothing less than a Spanish prisoner charged with intoxication.

The Spanish prisoner game started after the sinking of the Armada when most of Philip's 134 ships were sunk and many Spaniards of wealth and name were cast up on the English coast. Some of these prisoners did pay large ransoms to their captors. Some were richly rewarded for helping Spaniards to get home. Within a few years Spanish crooks pretending to be prisoners of wealth and name were luring simple-minded Brits. This industry was so firmly established that it has continued ever since. Men in every part of the world have received appealing letters from Spanish prisoners, and the game of the Spanish prisoner's fetters was heard throughout this country after the Spanish War, when the tale was slightly changed, the prisoner being sometimes an American and sometimes a Spaniard jailed for American sympathies.

Although the Spanish prisoner is never in prison, the Spanish prisoner game always becomes popular in Spain when the jails are full. The political prisoners in Spain have filled the jails up and it was predicted that this would put the venerable industry on its feet.

The Spanish police have always shown a tendency to favor bullfighting as the national amusement, and this has had an injurious effect on the Spanish prisoner game, which has passed its prime in many parts of Spain. Its profits are said to grow less and less.

In the files of the National Police at Madrid letters of complaint show that up to the time of annihilation of a gang ten years ago this particular crowd had made victims as far away as Sumatra. It was shown that replies came from 20 per cent. of those who received Spanish prisoner letters, and a 5 per cent. cent money. One of the largest hauls made by this band was 25,000 francs, from a Frenchman named Issanchou, who was either robbed and murdered or was robbed and so covered with humiliation at his stupidity that he never returned to his home in France.

Mosquitoes, unless blown by the wind, travel only a few hundred yards.

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TO WED AN EARL



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GEO. PITTSOP, Prop.

PLAN FOR GARDEN FETE. Everything is going ahead splendidly in the arrangements for the garden fete to be given on the grounds of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage next week. It was reported at the meeting of the general committee in charge held last night in Orange Hall, German street, with William M. Campbell, chairman, presiding. The appeal made to the churches had brought a very good response, it was reported. The offer of the Carleton Cornet Band to provide the music for Wednesday evening was gratefully accepted. St. Mary's Band had undertaken to furnish music for Tuesday evening. Many offers had been received from those willing to transport the crowds from the stopping point of the car track in Fairville to the Orphanage grounds.

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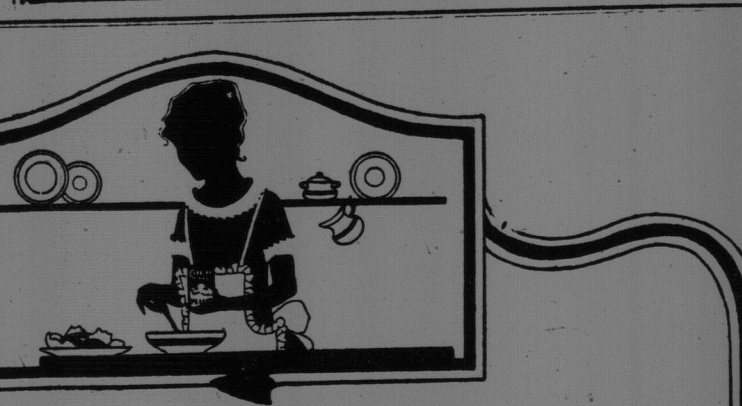
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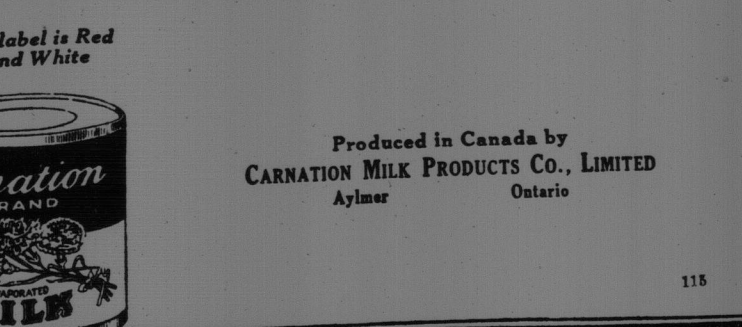


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Ottawa, Aug. 18.—Hon. J. Bureau, Minister of Customs, has been suggested for the chairmanship of the Board of Railway Commissioners, according to the Citizen, which points out that Mr. Bureau has had considerable experience as legal advisor in railway matters, and was solicitor-general in the Laurier Cabinet.

It has been general gossip here for some time that Mr. Bureau would welcome a change of post. Nothing definite could be learned as to the accuracy of the newspaper story. Official comment was withheld.

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